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Our country is in financial peril and big things, not tweaks, need to happen now. Here are some thoughts on transforming America.

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**Military:** The days of our army fighting someone else's army are over. With today's technology do we really need as many bases around the world? People more informed than I am will, I hope, be addressing this in the supercommittee charged with recommending spending reductions.

**Health care:** It's still broken. The United States spends approximately 17 percent of its GDP on health care while the next highest industrialized country spends 11 percent. Does health care need to be employer-based? Why can't we have tort reform and be able to purchase plans across state lines? And where does personal responsibility fit into the conversation?

**Tax code:** I appreciate that Herman Cain put a new tax plan on the table. While it may not be the right plan, there's got to be something better than the crazy tax code we now have, which has caused trillions of dollars of business to leave our shores, taking millions of jobs with them. How can we incentivize these companies to come back?

**Taxes:** A serious conversation needs to happen in Washington regarding the Internet. With no sales tax and selling from low-cost locations, the Internet is killing retail construction jobs and hurting local retailers who support local charities, schools and events. This is taking away large sums of local and state tax dollars and jobs.

**Cost of college:** When learning becomes anytime, any pace, students will be able to master high school requirements in less than four years. We should then immerse college courses into high school, giving many students the opportunity to finish the traditional four years of high school with an associate's degree, thereby cutting two years off the cost of college.

**Political inaction:** In the legislative process, instead of single red and green buttons (yea/nay), why not use sophisticated smart boards to make it easier to find consensus?

These are some of my thoughts. I'm sure that virtually everyone has similar questions about the issues of our day. Hopefully, we will address some of these issues before America finds itself in a position like Greece.

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From the music at area bars the night before Thanksgiving to some of the events helping to ring in 2012 on Dec. 31, we've got your rundown of all holiday season excitement. Cover illustration by Matt Mignanelli, [www.mattmignanelli.com](http://www.mattmignanelli.com).



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## News in Brief

• **House schedules Nov. 22 hearing on education funding:** House Speaker William O'Brien and House Special Committee on Education Funding Chairwoman Lynne Ober announced they would host a public hearing on Gov. John Lynch's proposed education funding amendment on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building. "We are providing an opportunity for the Governor to offer his education funding language to the full House," O'Brien said in a statement. "We have a common desire to address the issues of the state defining and funding primary and secondary education as soon as possible so that we have a constitutional amendment to offer the voters on the 2012 ballot." O'Brien said it appears Lynch would not be able to attend the Nov. 30 session of the House, when House lawmakers are expected to vote on his amendment. Ober said the public hearing would be live-streamed on the House website. Lynch, Minority Leader Terie Norelli and Senate President Peter Bragdon have been asked to attend and testify, according to a House press release. It was unclear whether Lynch would attend the hearing on Nov. 22.

• **Kevin Smith to run for governor:** Not surprisingly, Kevin Smith, a former state representative and most recently executive director of Cornerstone Policy Research, announced last week he would be running for governor in 2012. So far, Ovide Lamontagne is the only other Republican who has declared his candidacy, though Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas has admitted he is considering a run. Gov. John Lynch has announced he will not seek a record fifth term in office. Former state senator Maggie Hassan is the only declared candidate on the Democratic side. "I am excited to be announcing my candidacy for Governor, but more importantly, sharing my bold new vision for New Hampshire's economic future," Smith, a Litchfield resident, said in a statement. "We cannot afford to wait any longer to develop a plan that attracts long-term innovative jobs of the future to this state. No doubt our challenges are many, but I believe I've got the solutions and track record of getting things done in our state. I'm up to the task and I look forward to working with our citizens as we chart a new vision for our state." Keene resident Juliana Bergeron, who was recently a candidate for state GOP chairwoman, and John Mortimer, a New London resident, will be co-chairmen of Smith's campaign. Visit [www.kevin-smith-forgovernor.com](http://www.kevin-smith-forgovernor.com).

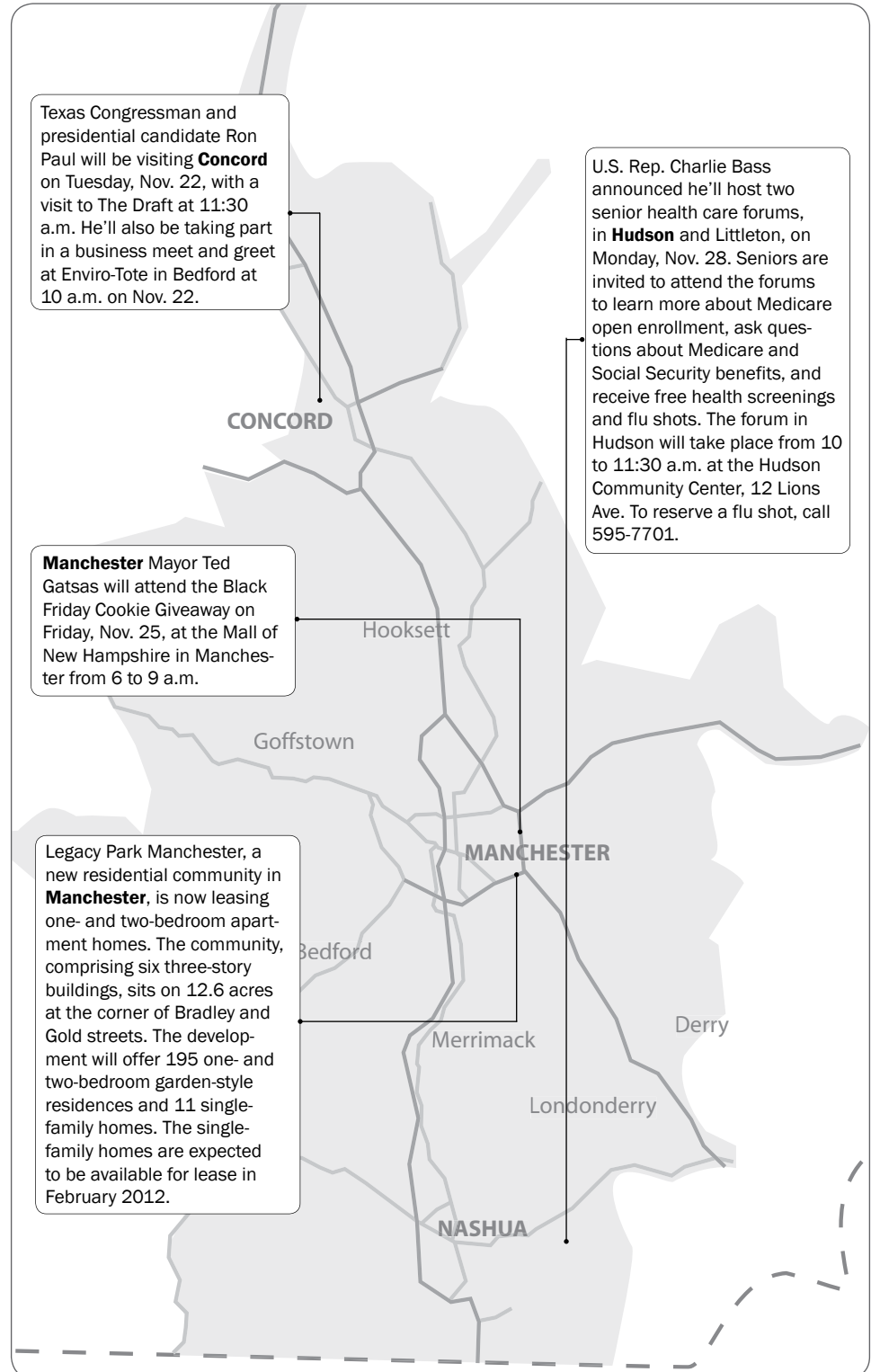
• **Another FOMitt:** Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney picked up a big endorsement this past weekend when U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte announced her support for him. Ayotte will serve as co-chairwoman of Romney's National Advisory Council. "I have been impressed by the amount of time Mitt Romney has spent in New Hampshire, holding open town hall meetings, answering the tough questions and listening to voters," Ayotte said in a statement. "Mitt Romney has proven through his experience as a successful businessman, effective governor, and by his excellent presidential debate performances that he is best prepared to lead our country and ensure Barack Obama is a one-term president." Ayotte, who was elected to

the Senate in 2010, filling former senator Judd Gregg's seat, is the first member of the state's national delegation to announce support for a candidate. U.S. Rep. Charlie Bass announced his support for Romney a day later. Ayotte, the former attorney general of New Hampshire, defeated Paul Hodes handily in 2010, after staving off a last-minute challenge from Ovide Lamontagne in the GOP primary.

• **Expo being promoted is a fake:** An expo, advertised as "For Us Women's Expo," appears to be slated to take place at the Radisson hotel in downtown Manchester — except that hotel management doesn't know anything about the event. State Attorney General Michael Delaney announced last week that his office has been contacted by the hotel's management saying that the event is not scheduled to take place at their facility. The event is being advertised on the Internet and allegedly is to take place on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11. Booth rentals are being advertised for \$565 and \$1,000 and tickets are being sold for between \$6 and \$10. The Consumer Protection Bureau is alerting consumers that, based on the information received from the hotel, no such event is taking place there. The Department of Justice is attempting to identify the people responsible for the advertisement. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact DOJ. Visit [doj.nh.gov](http://doj.nh.gov).

• **Late opening celebration held for renovated Liquor outlet:** The store opened this past summer but the state Liquor Commission officially celebrated the opening of the renovated New Hampshire Liquor & Wine Outlet on Coliseum Avenue in Nashua last week. The store opened in late July, though some work, particularly with increasing parking, landscaping and signage, continued after that. The previous store was demolished. The new store features an eco-friendly design, including local plants requiring no irrigation. The store's parking design came under fire earlier this year as it designated parking spots for hybrid vehicles that were closer to the entrance than spots for handicapped drivers. The 20,000-square-foot store is the state's largest Liquor & Wine Outlet. The building design includes solar panels, LED lighting, geo-thermal heating and cooling, and a "contemporary open concept design," according to a Commission press release. Sales have increased at the Outlet compared to the same time last year. The Coliseum Avenue store was among the busiest Outlets in the state last year, selling more than \$14 million worth of wines and spirits. Visit [www.liquorandwineoutlets.com](http://www.liquorandwineoutlets.com).

• **Utah legislator to speak to NH lawmakers about public pension program:** New Hampshire lawmakers will get the chance to take in a presentation by Utah state Sen. Daniel Liljenquist on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Liljenquist led efforts to transform Utah's public pension program from a defined benefit model to a defined contribution plan, according to a House press release. Lawmakers passed major changes to the state's retirement system this passed session, as the state's unfunded liability has grown. Liljenquist will present to the special committee on Public Employee Pension Reform and other lawmakers. House Speaker William O'Brien said Liljenquist helped turn Utah's pension system into one that is stable and affordable and provides workers with more flexibility. "We need a retirement system that protects both taxpayers



and workers, while continuing our commitment to our retirees, and this will be an opportunity to get ideas from someone who has already done that for his state," O'Brien said in a statement.

• **Federal bill will fund Berlin prison:** President Barack Obama recently signed a bill that contains funding for the opening of the Berlin Prison. The 2012 Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill includes \$6.5 billion in funding for the Bureau of Prisons. The bill specifically prioritizes funding for the three prisons nationwide that have been completed but are awaiting funding to open, including the Berlin Prison, according to an announcement from Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. Shaheen has been pushing for the funding for some time. "After a long and unnecessary wait, Berlin Prison will finally get the funds it needs to open," Shaheen said in a statement. Shaheen said the prison would provide a \$40 million economic boost to the community. The Bureau of Prisons has said it will begin the hiring process within weeks. The prison would result in the creation of 300 jobs. The 1,280-bed, medium-security federal prison

was completed in 2010 at a cost of \$276 million. The completed prison sat vacant because of budget cuts last year. Federal medium-security prisons are 51-percent overcrowded and the Bureau needs the new prison to address safety concerns associated with overcrowding, the release said.

• **Proposals due for green business ideas:** The deadline for the next round of funding proposals for the Green Launching Pad are due on Monday, Dec. 12, with the emphasis this time around on green manufacturing. The Green Launching Pad funds opportunities for entrepreneurs with new green business ideas in the areas such as clean and renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy conservation, and emissions reduction, according to an organization press release. The Green Launching Pad is a strategic partnership of the University of New Hampshire and the state Office of Energy and Planning, working to connect entrepreneurs and private industry with technical, scientific and business faculty, students and state resources to successfully launch and accelerate the growth of



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St. Joseph Hospital is one of only 161 U.S. hospitals and two hospitals in New Hampshire to earn this distinction for all four core measures. Inclusion on this list is based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during 2010.

"We understand what matters most to patients—safe and compassionate care. That's why we made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. Our staff is key to our success to being named to this exclusive list," says David Ross, President/CEO of St. Joseph Hospital.

Performance measurements are available to view on the St. Joseph Hospital website at [www.stjosephhospital.com](http://www.stjosephhospital.com), or you can learn more at The Joint Commission's Quality Check website at [www.qualitycheck.org](http://www.qualitycheck.org).



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You can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through simple, healthy lifestyle behaviors, recommended by the American Diabetes Association:

- **Get more physical activity.** Exercise can help you lose weight, lower your blood sugar and boost your sensitivity to insulin, which helps keep your blood sugar within a normal range.
- **Get plenty of fiber.** Foods high in fiber include fruits, vegetables, beans, whole grains, nuts and seeds. Fiber reduces your risk of diabetes by improving blood sugar control and promotes weight loss by helping you feel full.
- **Eat whole grains.** Whole grains may reduce your risk of diabetes and help maintain blood sugar levels. Try to make at least half of your grains whole grains.
- **Lose that extra weight.** If you're overweight, diabetes prevention may depend on weight loss. Every pound you lose has the ability to improve your health.
- **Skip fad diets and make healthier choices.** Low-carb diets, the glycemic index diet and other fad diets might help you lose weight in the beginning, but their effectiveness at preventing diabetes and their long-term effects are not known.

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new green businesses, the release said. The next round of funding will support businesses that help the state achieve the objectives of the State Energy Program and the state Climate Action Plan, with an emphasis on green manufacturing. Since its inauguration in February 2010, the Green Launching Pad has funded 11 New Hampshire companies on a competitive basis to commercialize their green products and services, the release said. Entrepreneurial teams will receive as much as \$90,000 each in funding and accelerated business development assistance. Support will take the form of mentoring and coaching from technology, engineering, service

industry professionals and seasoned entrepreneurs. The application process begins with a five-page proposal. Proposals will be accepted from individuals and teams. Final selection of winning teams will be announced by January 2012. Visit [www.greenlaunchingpad.org](http://www.greenlaunchingpad.org).

• **Phone-friendly:** With smart phones everywhere — more than 50 percent of mobile phone subscribers are using smart phones, including the overwhelming majority of users younger than 44 — the state Division of Economic Development is offering a free seminar on mobile marketing. The seminar, "The Secrets of Mobile Marketing," will take place

on Friday, Dec. 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Division headquarters, 172 Pembroke Road in Concord. Michael Dolpies, of "Cyberspace to Your Place" in Tilton, will host the seminar. Dolpies is an expert in mobile marketing who has developed a mobile marketing content management system enabling business owners to quickly and easily create a mobile site, according to a Division press release. There are 50 slots for the seminar. Register by visiting [mobilemarketingtips.tv/funshop](http://mobilemarketingtips.tv/funshop). Call 271-2591.

## HIPPO POLITICS

# Better odds for gambling in NH?

Lynch announces he'd veto casinos or racinos

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So that old gambling issue has come up once again, and once again Gov. John Lynch has decided he'll get out his veto pen if the legislation gets to his desk.

Two years ago, Lynch let gambling legislation get much further than it has now, before he declared he'd veto it due to a number of concerns but particularly a lack of sufficient regulatory structure. He's playing the lack of regulatory structure card this time around again. Last time, Lynch made his declaration toward the end of finalizing a state budget. This time, the gambling legislation isn't an integral piece of the budget package, which took effect July 1.

Lynch announced last week that he would veto any legislation allowing casinos or racinos. He detailed his concerns in a letter to legislative leaders. He was concerned not only about regulating expanded gambling but also about the expansion's potential impact on the state's quality of life and economy, and the proliferation of gambling across the state.

"As the next legislative session nears, it appears there once again will be multiple proposals to expand gambling in New Hampshire," Lynch wrote in his letter to House Speaker William O'Brien and Senate President Peter Bragdon. "As you know, I have long been concerned about the potential impacts of expanded gambling on New Hampshire's special character and quality of life."

"Over the years, I have listened carefully to all sides in the gambling debate, and even convened a bipartisan group of distinguished citizens to examine the issues around expanded gambling. After a great deal of thought and consideration, I have determined that the risks to New Hampshire from expanded gambling are simply too high, and for that reason I will veto any legislation allowing casinos or racinos in our state."

Politically, the move could be simple: Lynch means exactly what he says and has simply become convinced gambling will harm the state's quality of life. But his vow to veto the legislation might eliminate the controversial issue from being central in the gubernatorial race next year. It's difficult to gauge how much support the current legislation has.

When he declared his intentions to veto



two years ago, he was all but assured his veto would be sustained. He can't be as sure this time.

Sure, Republicans could band together to pass anything they want and they can do the same to override a veto,

but expanded gambling isn't necessarily a partisan issue. It was clear Republican leaders wanted to explore expanding gambling, but it could be difficult for both bodies to generate sufficient support to override a veto. Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, D-Manchester, has been a longtime proponent of expanded gaming, but even with some Democratic support, it's difficult to picture Democrats rallying around Republican leaders to override a Lynch veto.

"Gov. Lynch's sentiments frankly aren't a surprise," said state Sen. Chuck Morse in a statement. "I disagree with Lynch regarding those sentiments on several counts: the two casinos that are being proposed could provide New Hampshire residents with thousands of jobs; the state could benefit from millions of dollars in tax relief to our employers who will create further jobs in the private sector and they would be creating those jobs at a time when they are needed more than ever. This is too significant of an opportunity for our state to ignore."

O'Brien called Lynch's veto declaration a "slap in the face" to the 40,000 unemployed residents in New Hampshire. Proponents say expanding gambling would bring jobs to the state while reducing taxes on employers.

Morse said the legislation in the House is gaining momentum and should move forward.

Last time around, Lynch weighed in at the last minute declaring a veto over regulatory concerns. This time, his stance is broader. Sure, he's worried about regulations, but he seems more concerned with the quality-of-life implications.

And maybe he doesn't want people to be able to look back years from now and say Gov. John Lynch legalized gambling in New Hampshire. If the state survived tight budget times the last few years without expanded gambling, perhaps Lynch just doesn't see the urgency.

## Massachusetts moving quickly

Lynch pointed to the Bay State, where

expanded gambling looks likely, saying Massachusetts' expansion probably means any expanded gambling in New Hampshire wouldn't draw the large numbers of out-of-state visitors that have been projected. That means gambling institutions would rely more heavily on New Hampshire residents.

"While expanded gambling would bring employment opportunities, those jobs would likely come at the expense of other jobs in New Hampshire, as expanded gambling would divert money that is now being spent at other New Hampshire businesses and supporting other New Hampshire workers," Lynch wrote.

Previously, the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies had estimated that expanded gambling would bring in \$89 million annually to the state. But Massachusetts' likely move to expand, as well as an overall decrease in gambling revenue and inflation's role in increasing the costs of the social implications, has caused the Center to reduce its revenue estimate by 15 percent.

But proponents say that Massachusetts' move is all the more reason for New Hampshire to get ahead of the game before its southern neighbor does. They point to Massachusetts' imminent expansion and say New Hampshire stands to lose millions of dollars if it doesn't act on this now. Morse said the Granite State can't cede its competitive advantage to Massachusetts and said if it does, it would be a decision the state would regret for "generations."

## Social concerns

Lynch seemed to take a more final stance on the issue. The concerns he outlined went beyond regulations.

Lynch was also concerned that if initial legislation allowed for one or two casinos, it would lead to more. In 1994, West Virginia began allowing slot machines and racetracks, and by 2009 gambling had expanded to where one county of 37,000 people had 37 mini-casinos, Lynch wrote. Lynch also voiced concerns with how much influence the industry could ultimately have in the state.

"While expanded gambling may bring a short-term infusion of cash, we have a responsibility to future generations of New Hampshire citizens to consider the long-term impacts of our decisions on the State of New Hampshire," Lynch wrote.

No matter how it gets sliced up, the matter may never be put to bed.





# Keep on pitching

The Cain train lurches on as several candidates visit NH

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It's probably safe to say that Buddy Jewell isn't going to be singing at any campaign events for Mitt Romney.

Then again, Herman Cain is not Mitt Romney. Still, a political rally with a country singer doesn't exactly scream New Hampshire. But Cain seems willing to defy the orthodox — just take his national campaign approach.

Jewell, who won *Nashville Star* in 2003 and has become a star for his Christian/country music, was the opening act for a rare Cain appearance in New Hampshire. (Sure, his campaign says it's his 20th visit, but he has hardly been a regular in the Granite State in the last six months or so.)

"We need a leader, not a reader," Cain said during the rally in Nashua last week.

Cain rose dramatically in polls in the last couple of months, riding a wave of enthusiasm. His 9-9-9 economic plan has gotten its share of criticism, but Cain explains it in simple terms that seem to jibe with conservative voters. Then he started taking some hits in the form of sexual harassment allegations, an unfortunately long pause during a recent interview, and growing concerns over his lack of foreign policy credentials.

And so his tone seems to be changing. He's still straightforward, but he's a little angrier, lashing out at members of the media more regularly, and a little more leery of interviews at all.

Cain took more heat last week for "skipping" an interview with the Union Leader, though the paper's own account indicated that Cain's campaign wanted to change a 60-minute interview to 20 minutes and the paper rejected that notion. Call it skipping or not, Cain is taking a much more antagonistic approach to the media in general. (According to reports on Monday, Nov. 21, Cain has agreed to a 60-minute taped interview with the Union Leader.)

Still, his fire and stage presence are undeniable, though his sense of humor seems a little less willing to surface these days.

"People on the Cain train, they don't get off because of that crap," he told the crowd at the Radisson hotel in Nashua.

Polls indicate that Newt Gingrich, the former House speaker, may be emerging as the alternative to presumptive frontrunner Romney. A Bloomberg poll has Cain tied for the lead in Iowa, but sitting, with 8 percent of the vote, behind Romney, Gingrich and Ron Paul in New Hampshire. That's with Jon Huntsman, who has staked his campaign on New Hampshire, right behind Cain with 7 percent in New Hampshire.

Cain spoke sharply of the Occupy movement that has swept the country in protest of Wall Street. He suggested those behind Occupy were trying to destroy the nation.

Of the 11-second pause during an interview in Milwaukee, Cain said, "I think before I speak," a statement that was met with considerable applause at the rally.

Cain hit on the 9-9-9 plan saying it would eliminate all the embedded taxes currently in the system. He estimated that embedded costs make up 30 percent of the cost of goods. His plan would eliminate embedded costs in favor of an up-front 9-percent tax.

"Opponents say that's not how it works; well, that is how it works," Cain said.

He said he'd return the country's foreign policy strategy to that of President Ronald Reagan, that of peace through strength and clarity — clarifying who the country's friends are, clarifying enemies, stopping enemies and standing by friends. Standing by Israel would be number one on his foreign policy list.

Cain wasn't the only contender in the area recently:

- Last week during his town hall meeting at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, former Utah governor **Jon Huntsman** evoked applause from the crowd with his standard line that America should not be nation-building in Afghanistan but instead should be nation-building at home. Huntsman said America doesn't need thousands of troops in Germany, as the U.S.S.R. isn't going to be invading any time soon. On the same day, it was announced that President Barack Obama would be sending roughly 2,500 Marines to Australia. The move was seen by many as a shift in Ameri-

"People on the Cain train, they don't get off because of that crap," Herman Cain said of his recent troubles.

can foreign policy away from the Middle East and toward Asia in general. While Huntsman would agree with this assessment, as he constantly focuses on China, he would object to committing more troops away from home.

- During a visit to Manchester last week, Texas Gov. **Rick Perry** quoted Ecclesiastes saying there is a time to plan, a time to uproot, a time to tear down and a time to build. He said it was time to tear down the monuments to institutionalism in Washington and build up a new America.

- **President Barack Obama** was expected to visit New Hampshire, and specifically Manchester Central High School, on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Obama hasn't visited New Hampshire in quite some time. Polls had Mitt Romney beating Obama by 10 points in New Hampshire.

- A recent **Rick Perry** event was held at Granite State Manufacturing in Manchester. As a company that has defense contracts, they are keen on security and so when attendees or journalists checked in they were asked whether they were United States citizens. Admittedly, the question was odd, but it took on a life of its own when reported in an AP story that was picked up by national media outlets.

- **Mitt Romney**, who has been relatively quiet on the events front in recent weeks, was attended a town hall meeting in Peterborough last weekend. He also picked up the endorsement of Senator Kelly Ayotte and U.S. Rep. Charlie Bass.

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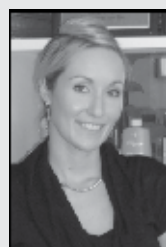
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# Business the NH way

Our economy is 'poised to do well'

**The economy locally, nationally and globally has taken plenty of hits in the past three years. Though the recovery is slower than people would like, Christopher Way, interim director of the state Division of Economic Development, says the state benefits from its favorable business environment. He pointed to the state's relatively low unemployment rate as one example. The state's Business Resource Center, an office of the Division of Economic Development, is ready to assist new and existing businesses. Visit [www.nheconomy.com](http://www.nheconomy.com).**

**Q:** *What's your overall assessment of the business climate here in New Hampshire?*

Obviously, over the last couple years, it's been a difficult time. I think New Hampshire is rebounding. It may not be as fast as we'd like, but we're seeing positive signs that the business community is responding. I think what we've done is set the state up so that growth can meet expectations. We have a lot of favorable conditions, compared to the rest of the region and, frankly, the rest of the nation.

**Those favorable conditions — what are you referring to?**

...It is a favorable tax climate. When you look at all the indicators, when we're recruiting businesses, the things that matter are the standard of living, we're number one. Most livable state, we're number one. Time and time again, we're either at the top or we're usually in the top five. Those are the things that make it attractive to site here or for the companies that are here to expand and grow.

**What are you hearing from businesses?**

...Businesses, we're responding to some of their needs. For example, the ability to get trained workers. ... What can the state do to possibly help in the process? [The state's Business Resource Center does have a successful worker training program, he said.] Access to capital continues to be a big issue for many clients, as are health care costs and utility costs as well. A lot of clients are seeing opportunities for growth in many sectors, particularly the high-tech manufacturing sectors.

**What are some other areas that are growing?**

...Education and health services continue to be a driver. Transportation, and obviously tourism is certainly a huge industry bringing in about \$4 billion annually into the state. ... Information technology, that is certainly a growth sector.

**What about any areas that perhaps aren't doing so well?**

The retail sector is always one to watch. Construction, while there are some promising indicators in a lot of areas, from the residential side, they continue to experience some pain.

**Are you seeing growth with startups?**

We certainly do. We always see good slates of businesses coming on our lists every single month. The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in New Hampshire. The challenges are getting them in touch with what they need to grow. We have a lot of resources out there to help them at the critical stages when



they first begin. It's a challenge for all of us, because as you know, small business makes up most of the businesses in the state.

**What role can the Business Resource Center play?**

I think as businesses move along and develop, they have challenges and they have opportunities and I think we want to be part of the solution. ... We want to assist them as they go forward so they can stay here and hire more people. Each business has the ability to go forward. A lot of times they just need a little guidance. Maybe someone at the State to sit down with them and facilitate a solution or help get them in touch with another agency, assist them with financing. Sometimes it takes someone from the Business Resource Center to sit down and listen to them and brainstorm and at least address their particular needs. We can do that. We have a very popular job training program, probably the most popular of its kind in the state. We can inform businesses of available tax credits. We can get them in touch with financial partners ... maybe even identify other suppliers and partners that can help move businesses forward. It's starting a dialogue. One of the important recruitment features here is that government is accessible. We try to show that in everything that we do. ... Government in New Hampshire is maybe a little more used to that than other states. ...

**What about changes the legislature has made to help out businesses this year? Are these changes benefiting businesses?**

It's too early to tell on a lot of initiatives that have happened. Sometimes the economy and business practices move at a different rate. ... We try to look at how government provides services to businesses. That's something that's well received. Looking at regulations and licensing at all levels, that's something that's been driven from the business level.

**What's your message to businesses?**

That New Hampshire is indeed the place to grow and that you're not doing it alone. There are a lot of people invested in your success. It's a matter of just making sure we connect up and get you connected with those folks who can help push you forward. The key message is that you're not doing it alone in New Hampshire.

—Jeff Mucciarone



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## RIP, Gold W22

The latest New Hampshire Audubon newsletter reports that New Hampshire's oldest known eagle, named Gold W22 for the band she wore on her leg, has died. Wildlife rehabilitator Maria Colby found the eagle gravely injured in Antrim in October, the newsletter said, and the eagle died thereafter. She was 19½ years old and had lived as the matriarch of a breeding area around Nubanusit Lake. Visit [www.nhaudubon.org](http://www.nhaudubon.org) for a complete biography of Gold W22.

**QOL score: -1 for the loss, but gladness for a life well lived.**

**Comment:** "Overall, 19.5 years is a good run for an eagle," the newsletter says, and "we expect that a new younger female will inherit the territory this fall."

## The coolest

St. Joseph Hospital was recently recognized with a Rising Star Award as the Coolest Large Company for Young Professionals in New Hampshire. Business NH magazine partners with Stay Work Play New Hampshire and the state Department of Resources and Economic Development to host the annual Rising Star competition, according to St. Joseph. The awards recognize exceptional young professionals, initiatives to keep them here, and the businesses that go the extra mile to recruit and retain them. St. Joseph was selected for creating a workplace that combines fun, accountability and recognition for all their employees. Employees are given tuition reimbursement options along with on-site education resources. As a 24-hour workplace, the hospital can provide flexible work schedules.

**QOL score: +1**

**Comment:** QOL now has an idea for a Grey's Anatomy spin-off.

## Unemployment fell

New Hampshire's unemployment rate dropped from 5.4 percent to 5.3 percent from September to October. That means 2,220 people became employed during the month. The unemployment rate did not drop further because 1,940 people entered the workforce, according to a state press release. The national unemployment rate remains substantially greater than New Hampshire's, sitting now at 9.0 percent. The total number of employed residents in the state, according to seasonally adjusted figures, grew to 704,770 people.

**QOL score: +1**

**Comment:** That's 2,220 people facing a happier holiday season.

## Who is going to jail?

While New Hampshire has one of the lowest crime rates in America, it has one of the highest per capita rates for incarcerating Hispanics, accord to reports in the Nashua Telegraph. According to information compiled by the Sentencing Project, a research and advocacy organization, among 100,000 people in 2005, New Hampshire sentenced 289 Caucasians, 2,666 African-Americans and 1,063 Hispanics, giving it the sixth-highest Hispanic-to-white incarceration ratio and the 19th-highest black-to-white ratio in the country.

**QOL score: -1**

**Comment:** Marc Mauer, executive director of the Sentencing Project, told the Telegraph that higher incarceration rates have more to do with economics than ethnicity.

## Working out can save your life

A 22-year-old woman working at a Planet Fitness in Portsmouth sprung to action and saved the life of a 65-year-old man, according to WMUR. The incident happened on Thursday, Nov. 17. The man suffered a heart attack and wasn't breathing when Whitney Hendley shocked the man with an automated external defibrillator.

**QOL score: +1**

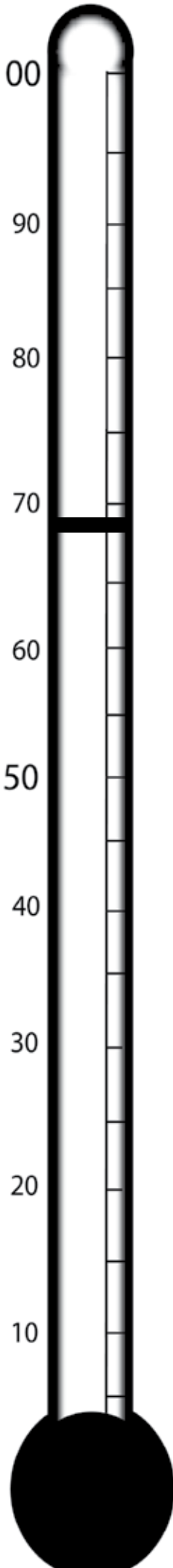
**Comment:** You never know when you'll become a hero.

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# Thanks and turkeys aplenty at Thanksgiving



It is the annual Thanksgiving column, in which I give thanks for the great things going on in sports and identify the turkeys in the crowd who make it a little worse for the wear.

## Baseball

**Turkeys:** The Red Sox beer-drinking gang of three. It might not have been the roaring party so many assume it was, but still, what the heck were you thinking?

**Turkeys:** Those who won't vote for a pitcher for MVP because they already have the Cy Young. The Cy is for the best pitcher, and the best hitters have the Henry Aaron award, so why can a hitter still win both and not a pitcher?

**Thanks:** Speaking of **Hammerin' Hank**, thanks for him. He is still a class act as he heads for his 78th birthday.

**Turkeys:** All those folks who were on **Jacoby Ellsbury** for being soft, a faker or a jaker last year when the broken ribs wouldn't heal and now are back on the bandwagon without as much as an "I was wrong and he was right" mea culpa.

**Thanks:** To Fenway Park and the Sox ownership for deciding to save it. Hey, it may be uncomfortable when you're there, but it's great to look at on TV and the unique dimensions make the games there totally different than anywhere else.

**Turkey:** **Jose Canseco**. His place here is secure forever (at least) as a cheat who ratted out his friends for money.

**Thanks:** For the 2011 World Series, one of the best and dramatic I've seen in a long time. Ditto for **David Freese** as it's fun when a local comes from relative obscurity to play BIG in front of his hometown folks.

**Thanks:** To **Theo Epstein** for offering the Cubs' managing job to **Dale Sveum**. That never would have worked out here. Also, thanks for eight years of interesting teams even with the revolving door at shortstop and all the free agent mistakes.

## Football

**Turkey:** I had the over under at games for him to get released, so I missed by 3, but that doesn't change the story on **Albert (J. D.) Haynesworth** of how he just packed it in, in a bigger heist than the Brinks job, after he got the BIG money.

**Thanks:** Say what you will about **Coach B's**

drafting record, but after he got last year's team with basically the same defense as this year to 14-2 you can't complain about the coaching. It will be a sad day for Pats fans when he hangs them up.

**Turkey:** We don't have to deal with this for over a year, but holding the Super Bowl in an open-air stadium in the New York metropolitan area in February is both nuts and just asking for trouble.

**Thanks:** Even though it seems the Lions were bad for 50 years, I love the tradition of the Thanksgiving game played there. But it's truer this year when they face the team that once upon a time was their opponent in that game every year. And if anyone besides me remembers that the last time Green Bay went into that game undefeated was 1962 — bonus points. The 8-2 Lions, with great names like **Milt Plum**, **Gail Cogdill** and **Yale Lary**, won 26-14 to hand the great **Vince Lombardi** and the Pack their first and only loss of the year. So the question is: will it happen again 49 years later?

**Thanks:** Tee-Bow, Tee-BOW, TEE-BOW — he's like a guy who goes 21-4 and doesn't win the Cy Young because dimwitted Saber voters think the ERA, WHIP and wins over replacement aren't good enough, while I see he's 17 games over .500 and know there's an art to winning and not everyone has "It" as **Tim Tebow** does, and that's the only thing that matters.

## Basketball

**Thanks:** To **Magic Johnson** on the 20th anniversary of his "I'm HIV positive" announcement, because, as I said last week, when the moment of truth arrived he delivered and made a dramatic contribution to changing attitudes and raising money to reverse what was once a death sentence.

**Turkey:** To almost everyone tied to the NBA collective bargaining agreement negotiations, because it's like Congress, where each side has absolutely no reason to trust the other side and they are apparently too dumb to realize they need each other to get things done.

## Hockey

**Thanks:** To the Bruins for becoming relevant again in delivering a wonderful ride to the Cup last spring.

**Thanks:** To the Bs' young duo of **Brad Marchand** and **Tyler Seguin**, who with 11 goals in his first 16 games is beginning to live up to all the hype — he's on pace to be the Bruins' first 50-goal scorer since **Cam Neely** in 1993-94.

## LONGSHOTS

## Big-time college sports

**Thanks:** For **Coach K**, who sure caught up to his college coach **Bobby Knight** in a hurry to win number 903 after Bobby — who had a 15-year head start — got 902 not all that long ago. For my money his best win was the 1992 OT game with Kentucky, won on the foul line jumper by **Christian Laettner** off the full court pass from **Grant Hill** — sensational game.

**Turkey:** The one-and-done ways of college basketball. It takes away the enjoyment of watching young stars grow over three or four years in the NCAA Tournament.

**Turkey:** College sports' every-man-for-himself attitude, which is leading to a disintegration of the conference alignments that have been around forever. And a double turkey for ESPN's utter self-interest in being the catalyst for it all.

**Turkeys:** The college football programs at Miami, USC, North Carolina and Ohio State who either got tattooed or are on their way to getting tattooed by the NCAA for infractions ranging from selling autographs to **Reggie Bush's** family living in a house provided by a potential agent. Ditto to **Pete Carroll** for beating it out of town to the NFL ahead of the posse instead of going down with a ship he was steering.

**Turkey:** Penn State football — need I say why?

## Media

**Turkeys:** The networks that carry golf and especially ESPN who keep talking about **Tiger** like he's still the dominant figure in golf instead of a guy who somehow came down with a golf version of **Steve Blass** disease.

**Thanks:** To **Doc Emrick** for helping make that Stanley Cup so much fun by being maybe the best play-by-play announcer in any of the major sports. High praise, as there are some pretty good ones.

## Other

**Thanks:** To **Bob Kraft**, **Wyc Grousbeck** and the Red Sox trio, because after once having **Thanks Dad Gaston**, **Buddy Leroux** and **Victor Kiam** in charge of their teams, how could you not appreciate how good they are as team owners?

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

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### Sports Glossary

**Cam Neeley:** Bruins tough guy with Midas touch around the net. Came to the Bs in one of **Harry Sindén's** two best trades which sent 24-year-old star and now NESN analyst **Barry Pederson** to Vancouver in a risky deal for the player the term "power forward" was eventually coined for. Pederson never again approached the level of play that saw him score 44 and 46 goals at 20 and 21, as the goal total slipped with the Canucks from 24 to 19 to 15 and he was out of the league by 30. Meanwhile 20-year-old Neely became a force scoring 36 goals in Year 1 and getting 55, 51 and 50 on 3 other occasions, the last coming in just 49 games. It all ended early after a legendarily cheap shot from Pittsburgh henchman **Ulf Samuelsson** that led to retirement at 30 with 395 goals and a spot in the Hall of Fame in 2005.

**Harry's Two Best Deals:** Numero Uno for most was one met with utter disdain for sending the beloved **Phil Esposito** to the hated Rangers a year or two too early as the principal in a deal for hated **Brad Park** and classy **Jean Ratelle**. While still very good, Espo was never quite the same, while Park and Ratelle gave the Bruins 12 solid seasons between them as they remained perennial contenders. Number Two was the Neely deal, which also brought along a first choice that turned out to be defenseman **Glen Wesley**, who played 8 years in Boston before being traded to Hartford for three first-round draft picks.

**Harry's Deal Number Three:** I'll go with pilfering the Rangers again later in 1976 deal to get **Rick Middleton** in a deal for Espo aging linemate **Ken Hodge**, who scored 23 goals in two New York seasons while Nifty was a prime timer scoring 402 goals over the next 12 years

**Victor Kiam:** Former Patriots owner who liked the company so much he bought it. Too bad his tenure was a DISASTER that included hiring a college AD with no football experience to be GM/personnel guru, a world-famous sexual harassment case and awful results on the field.

## Exeter beats Pinkerton, Portsmouth beats Bedford

**The Big Story:** Championship Saturday in high school football provided stunning news. Defending champion Pinkerton was knocked off by Exeter 23-13 for the Division I title. In Division III Portsmouth won its first state football title in three decades with a convincing 41-6 battering of (9-1) Bedford in its first title appearance in its short history. Bishop Guertin came back to beat Dover 16-7 thanks to second-half TDs from **Paul Liparito** and **Zachary Mailloux**, whose 64-yard run iced it as the Cardinals won their seventh state title in the last eight years — though this time it came with **Travis Cote** at the helm after he replaced **Tony Johnson** this season.

**Sports 101:** Name the coach who leads each of the following teams for most wins in franchise history: Cincinnati Bengals, Green Bay Packers, New York Giants, Cleveland Browns, San Francisco '49ers and Baltimore/Indianapolis Colts.

**Obituary:** It has been a sad year for the local sports community after a number of passings. The sad news of the tragic death of **Sam Carey** in an automobile accident in Campton, N.H., is the latest. He was a great young man, well known in local basketball circles. He was a star first at Central in the early 2000s and later at SNHU after staying home to play his college where finished his career 16th on the Penmen's all-time scoring list. Making it even worse is that he leaves behind his fiancée Kayte Kenyon and 6-month-old son Brayden along with his parents and six brothers and sisters.

**Hot Ticket:** What else? It's the annual tur-

key day city championship game at Gill Stadium pitting Division IV champion Trinity against Central. The Pioneers go in undefeated and untied at 11-0, while the Green finished 6-4.

**On This Date – Nov. 24: 1938** – The great '60s NBA star and only player to average a triple double over an entire season **Oscar Robertson** is born in Charlotte, Tenn. **1940** – Future NFL Commissioner **Paul Tagliabue** is born. **1953** – **Walter Alston** signs his first one-year contract to manage the Brooklyn Dodgers, which he repeated 22 more times before finally retiring as Dodgers manager after the 1976 season with a record of 2,040 wins and 1,630 losses. **1957** – Rookie sensation **Jim Brown** runs for 237 yards against the L.A. Rams to set a club record for the Cleveland Browns. **1960** – **Wilt Chamberlain** grabs an astonishing NBA record 55 rebounds vs. Bill Russell and the Celtics but they still win 132-129. **1977** – Miami **Bob Greise** passes for 6 touchdowns in a 55-14 win over St. Louis. **2003** – **Warren Spahn**, who won 363 games in 21 seasons and lost a 15-inning complete game 1-0 at 43, dies.

**Sports 101 Answer:** Believe it or not the Bengals' win leader is current coach Marvin Williams, who is 66-69. Bengals founder Paul Brown is the Browns' all-time leader at 158. It's not Bill Parcells with the Giants; it's Steve Owen, who coached them for 23 years starting in 1931 with 150. For the '49ers it's his successor George Seifert with 98 and not Bill Walsh, who has 92. Curley Lambeau tops Vince Lombardi in Green Bay 209 to just 89. As for the Colts, surprisingly it's Tony Dungy with 112.

### The Numbers

**3** – wins against no losses for the out-of-the-starting-gate-quickly Saint Anselm women after an impressive 71-61 win over Stonehill at mid-week when all-name-teamer **Epiphany Smith** led the way with 20 points, followed by **Megan Howard** with 19.

**11** – players to grab at least one rebound for the SNHU women when they had 38 overall in a 62-44 win over St. Michaels when **Loretta Rocha** led the way with 8 boards off

the bench as the lady Penmen moved to 3-0 on the year.

**29.7** – woeful shooting percentage from the field for Saint Anselm in a 52-44 loss to Stonehill despite the 7-of-8 shooting from **James Morse**, who had a team-high 16 points for the Hawks.

**68** – percentage of 3,000+ voters in a Boston.com poll who said it is time to say goodbye to **Tim Wakefield** after his delusional agent said last week if he leaves he'll win 15 games somewhere else despite the fact that he's done that just twice since

1999 with the last being in 2007.

**112,196** – dollars raised through a partnership with The New Hampshire Fisher Cats by the Centrix Bank Community Outing Fundraising Program, through ticket fundraisers and 50/50 raffles various local organizations generated during the 2011 season at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium.

**554,000** – annual pension dollars **Joe Paterno** will get after 46 years as football coach at Penn State following his firing at PSU.



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## Your guide to the holiday fun

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## Holiday guide 2011

Give yourself a gift this holiday season — the gift of a great time.

In southern New Hampshire, this time of year is full of opportunities to have a great time. Whether your favorite part of the season is the food, the music or the shopping nights, there isn't just one event for you — there are oodles.

From the night before Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, we have a rundown of the events that will make your season bright. (And if you know of something not listed here, send us a tip at [listings@hippopress.com](mailto:listings@hippopress.com). And keep checking back in our various listings sections for new and updated events throughout the season.)

So break out the reindeer antler headband and the Santa hat. It's time to get in the spirit of fun.

## Drinksgiving

Local night spots give thanks and party down

By Michael Witthaus  
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There's Black Friday, Cyber Monday and all the other shopping days, but for tavern owners across the country, the big one is the day before Thanksgiving. Call it Wet Wednesday.

Area bars and restaurants don't disappoint, although more than one club manager indicated that they don't exactly program special

events for the occasion — "We don't want to mess with a winning formula," said one.

On Thursday morning The Wild Rover (21 Kosciuszko St. in Manchester, 669-7722) continues its traditional Irish Breakfast Buffet with eggs, potatoes O'Brien, bangers, Irish & American bacon, beans, black & white puddings, pancakes and honey caraway biscuits, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Ancient Order of Hibernians local charities organiza-

tion (\$9.99 for adults, \$5.99 for kids, free for kids under 5). You may need some of that after taking in all of this on Wednesday:

- **11th Frame Bar** (887 B Central Ave., Dover, 742-9632) has a band starting at 4 p.m. in the State House Restaurant and Pub.

- **AJ's Sports Bar & Grill** (11 Tracy Lane, Hudson, 718-1102) offers acoustic music from 7 to 11 p.m. with Ian.

- **Alan's** (133 N. Main St., Boscawen, 753-

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6631) presents its regular open-mike night with the usual fare, so bring your talent and your thirst.

- **Alpine Grove** (19 S. Depot Road, Hollis, 882-9051) promises an average night, followed by a big day — this Hollis restaurant is open for Thanksgiving.

- **American Legion Post 59** (538 West Main St., Hillsborough, 478-0091) Barden Hill covers everyone from Wild Cherry to Johnny Cash at a special pre-Thanksgiving show.

- **Backstage Bar & Grill** (56 Canal St., Nashua, 598-8256) Bright Orange Blasto performs an 18+ no-cover event at this new Nashua nightclub.

- **Baja Beach Club @ China Bistro** (89 Lake St., Laconia, 524-0008) moves its regular Thursday Ladies Night to Wednesday, with no cover, a DJ & dollar well drinks.

- **Barley House** (132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363) gears up for a big night like many Capitol City clubs, but nothing special is happening — it kind of writes itself.

- **Black Brimmer** (1087 Elm St., Manchester, 669-5523) Stomping Melvin play rock & roll covers at this downtown Thanksgiving Eve party.

- **Black Water Grill** (43 Pelham Road, Salem, 328-9013) opens the bar at 4:30 with a DJ spinning popular songs from every decade. There's no cover.

- **Blue Mermaid Island Grill** (The hill at Hanover and High streets, Portsmouth, 427-2583) hosts an open-mike night, with local musicians ranging from jazz to reggae to folk to rock; it begins at 8:30 p.m. and there is no cover.

- **Blue Ocean Music Hall** (4 Ocean Front North, Salisbury, 978-462-5888) The Tom Dixon Band plays a (\$7 general admission) Night Before Thanksgiving Party that starts at 7:30 p.m.

- **Boston Billiard Club** (55 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 943-5630) promises the biggest party of the year, which management says happens every Thanksgiving Eve, with a special guest DJ.

- **Breezeway Pub** (14 Pearl St., Manchester, 621-9111) brings a DJ starting at 10 p.m. for a no-cover event.

- **Brookstone Grille** (14 Route 11 E., Derry, 328-9250) welcomes Eric McFadden beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- **Cactus Jack's** (1182 Union Ave., Laconia, 528-7800) has no live music, but management promises it will be just like Friday night, with the popular Cactus Jack's Tunes happening throughout.

- **Chop Shop Bar & Grill** (920 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 760-7704) presents Rosie, a well-liked cover band — even though they're called "The Bitch of Rock" — performing classic rock favorites.

- **City Sports Grille & Spare Time** (216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656) Head Shop performs at 9 p.m. in the lounge of this multi-purpose Manchester fun spot.

- **Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern** (176 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, 437-2022) says it's open but quiet, as this small restaurant expects to serve hundreds the next day for Thanksgiving dinner.

- **Derryfield Country Club** (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880) guarantees the Josh Logan Band will raise the roof, as they

perform at 9 p.m.

- **Dolphin Striker** (15 Bow St., Portsmouth, 431-5222) presents Acoustic Truffle kicking off its annual long weekend of Seacoast shows, including a big one at the reopened Stone Church.

- **Dover Brick House** (2 Orchard St., Dover, 749-3838) will see the Press Project perform — try saying that three times real fast at the end of the night.

- **Drynk** (20 Old Granite St., Manchester, 641-2583) has a DJ party hosted by Danny Dee at 9 p.m., bringing together all their local spinners, with each getting a time slot. Doors open at 5 p.m.

- **Element Lounge** (1055 Elm St., Manchester, 627-2922) reprises its popular bag night — that's a drinking game — with 12 bags after 9 p.m. and prizes for winners.

- **Fody's Tavern** (9 Clinton St., Nashua, 577-9015) offers Poppy performing at 10 p.m. after a Jaegermeister promotion earlier in the evening.

- **Fratello's Manchester** (155 Dow St., Manchester, 624-2022) has Mama Kicks guitarist Chris Lester holding forth from 6 to 9 p.m. at a no-cover event.

- **Fury's Publick House** (1 Washington St., Dover, 617-3633) presents The Guilty Ones performing a no-cover show at 9 p.m.

- **Gary's Restaurant & Sports Lounge** (38 Milton Road, Rochester, 335-4279) reprises its open-mike night with 50-cent wings and Texas Hold 'em poker.

- **Giuseppe's Restaurant** (312 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-3313) has Justin Jaymes performing on guitar from 6 to 9 p.m.

- **Haluwa Lounge** (Nashua Mall, Nashua, 883-6662) has karaoke starting at 9 p.m. with no cover.

- **Hen House Sports Bar and Grill** (85 South Main St., Newton, 382-1705) offers one of the area's biggest events in terms of recognizing the inherent truth about the evening, with a limo bringing people to and from homes (just remember to tip the driver) from 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; there's no cover or live band, but naturally, plenty of drink specials.

- **Holidays Bar and Grill** (346 Hooksett Road, Auburn, 483-0880) Get your courage up with drink specials and join in the karaoke fun.

- **Holy Grail Food & Spirits** (64 Main St., Epping, 679-9559) welcomes the Scott Barnett Band rocking out at this no-cover party.

- **Jocelyn's Lounge** (355 South Broadway, Salem, 870-0045) promises a big Thanksgiving Eve party, with a DJ, drink specials and free T-shirts, starting at 8 p.m.

- **Jokers/Club Intrigue** (1279 S. Willow St., Manchester, 935-9947) This recently opened ManchVegas bar will feature Maven Sergeant performing, as well as half-price appetizers and \$2 well drinks, \$1 domestic drafts and \$2 premium drafts.

- **J's Tavern** (63 Union Square, Milford, 249-9222) Lisa Guyer playing at 8 p.m., with no cover

- **Junkyard** (522 Amherst St., Nashua, 882-6026) hosts its first Annual Thanksgiving Eve Bash with host Josh Porter, and Tag Team DJs Josh Spitaleri and Jonny C; the newly renovated and renamed Nashua club will also offer drink specials between 8 and 10 p.m. at this 18+ event.

- **KC's Rib Shack** (837 Second St., Man-

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chester, 858-7427) says there's nothing special,  
just business as usual.

- **Kelley's Row** (421 Central Ave., Dover, 750-7081) has its regular Tijuana Night with Stump Trivia and coin flip drink specials.

- **KJ's Sports Bar** (North Main St., Newmarket, 659-2329) plans a Newmarket class reunion, with jukebox music all night long.

- **Lodge at Belmont** (Route 106, Belmont, 267-7778) welcomes local country favorites The Eric Grant Band performing; there's a \$5 cover for the 21+ event.

- **Loudon Road Restaurant and Pit Road Lounge** (388 Loudon Road, Concord, 226-0533) promises a DJ & live karaoke (is there another kind?).

- **Mad Bob's Saloon** (342 Lincoln St., Manchester, 669-3049) presents the Bars per-

forming a 9 p.m. no-cover show.

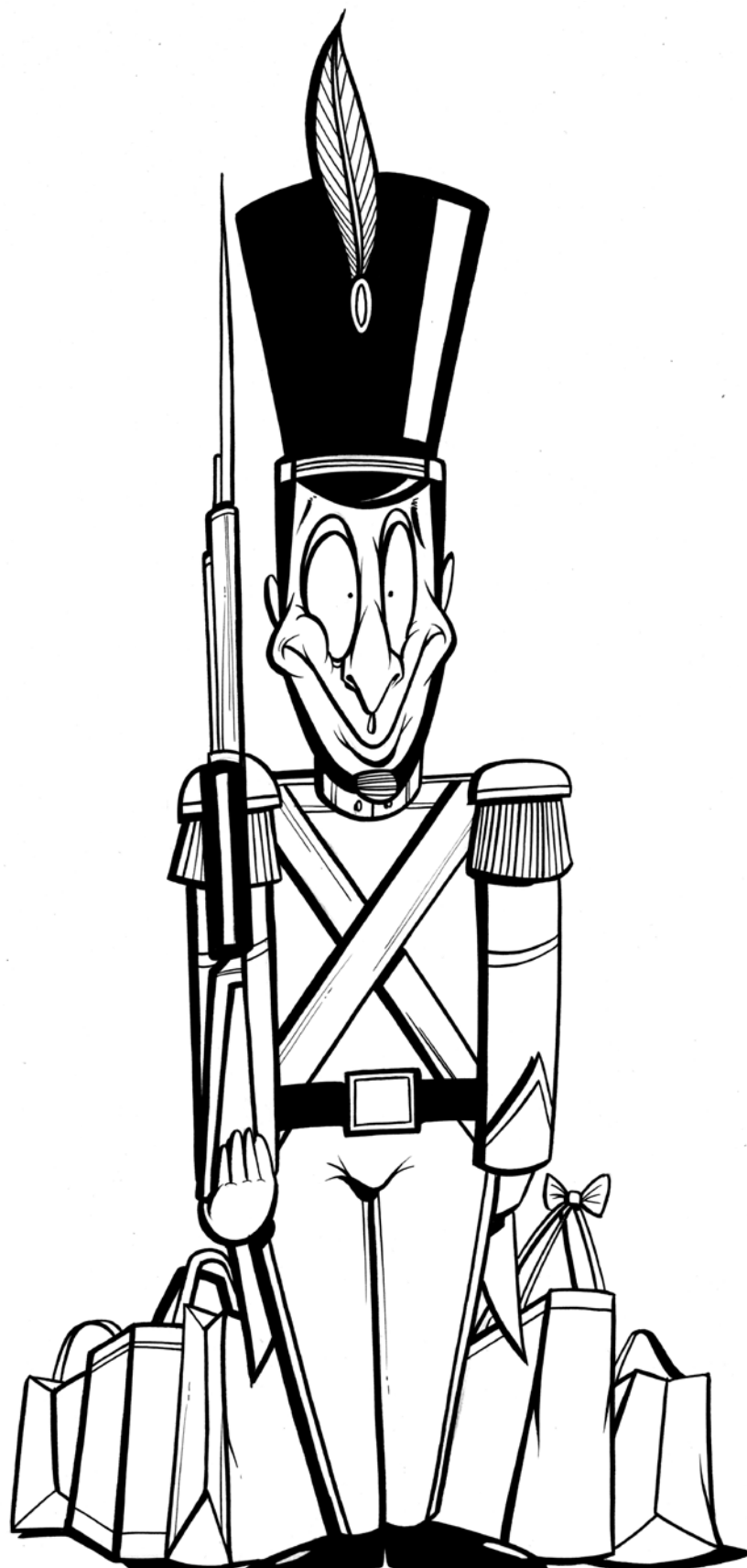
- **Makris** (354 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 225-7665) has a Thanksgiving Eve Bash featuring local favorites Phoenix, with food and drink specials.

- **McGarvey's** (1097 Elm St., Manchester, 627-2721) hosts its regular karaoke night.

- **Murphy's Taproom** (494 Elm St., Manchester, 644-3535) has everybody's favorites, Nimbus 9, performing at 9 p.m. — some synergy there.

- **Murray's Tavern** (326 S. Broadway, Salem, 893-4055) presents 45's Night, so, like Joss Stone says, get out your records.

- **Old Amsterdam Bar & Lounge** (8 Temple St., Nashua, 204-5534) welcomes Matt Jackson singing and playing guitar at the OA's local night, which features area foods and a





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hometown flavor. After that, a DJ appears for the rest of the evening.

- **One Mile West** (3 Brook Road, Sunapee, 863-7500) Andrew Merzi plays originals and a few tasty covers at this Sunapee oasis.

- **Pasta Loft** (241 Union Square, Milford, 672-2270) brings in Small Town Stranded, a band that's a regular draw at this Milford restaurant/bar, and a perfect choice for the evening's music.

- **Pasta Loft Brickhouse Tavern** (220 East Main St., East Hampstead, 378-0092) welcomes Morning Wood playing rock & roll tunes.

- **Peddler's Daughter** (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535) has Take 4 performing; they are a regular Saturday attraction, part of an experience much the same as any weekend night, and staffed up to the max, says management.

- **Penuche's Ale House Concord** (6 Pleasant St., Concord, 228-9833) won't change a thing. "Buckle up and ride the ride" is the advice from the management at this downtown restaurant/bar, which promises a night like any other, only more so.

- **Red Blazer** (72 Manchester St., Concord, 224-4101) welcomes Gardner Berry of Mama Kicks for a "Cans for Cover" event, where guests are asked to bring in a non-perishable food item for admission, which will be donated to the Friendly Kitchen to help them stock their shelves for the holiday season. On April 30, a three-alarm fire at Hope House caused considerable damage to the building, and since that fire, the Friendly Kitchen has been feeding the needy at a local church.

- **Red Door** (107 State St., Portsmouth, 373-6827) DJ Evaredy spins the music and gets the crowd dancing.

- **Salt Hill Pub** (2 West Park St., Lebanon, 448-4532) Phil Singer & Byron Berwick host the recently launched Acoustic Sessions, featuring local singer/songwriter/performers in the Galway Room, beginning at 6 p.m.

- **Sayde's Restaurant** (136 Cluff Crossing, Salem, 890-1032) The George Williams Band, a very percussive septet from the Salem area, performs at what management calls the biggest party of the year. "Arrive early" is their helpful recommendation.

- **Shaskeen** (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246) has the wild and crazy Aldous Collins Band performing at 9 p.m. — no comedy open mike tonight.

- **Stone Church** (5 Granite St., Newmarket, 292-3546) presents the B.A. Canning Band, which is midway through a three-week Free Music Wednesday residency at the reborn Seacoast music club, with half-price drafts offered early in the evening.

- **Strange Brew Tavern** (88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292) The Mighty Bad Habits perform blues rock at this downtown institution.

- **Studio 99** (115 Main St., 3rd floor, Nashua, 562-5179) has a Blues Jam hosted by Garrett Partridge on guitar. Bring your own amp, and drums are available, with a \$5 donation encouraged.

- **Tupelo Music Hall** (2 Young Road, Londonderry, 437-5100) hosts a Songwriters Thanksgiving Roundtable with Chad Verbeck, Amy Petty, Jon Aanestad, Charlie Christos and Jandee Lee Porter (see story).

- **Unwine'd** (865 Second St., Manchester, 625-9463) welcomes Craig Fahey playing cool jazz piano, along with the regular menu and fine beverages.

- **Village Square** (472 State St., Hampstead, 329-6879) has Whitenoz rocking out, playing classic covers from the heavier side of the musical spectrum.

- **Village Trestle** (25 Main St., Goffstown, 497-8230) has The Bruce Marshall Group, a crowd-pleasing blues rock band, and a good choice for this club's party.

- **Wally's Pub** (144 Ashworth Ave., Hampton, 926-6954) has its regular Beirut (beer pong) Night with hip-hop dancing as well.

- **Wet Bar at Pages** (172 Hanover St., Portsmouth, 436-0004) welcomes DJ Static Selecta, an MC who has worked with Jay-Z and other big names, appearing in the upstairs lounge, where there are also drink and food specials.

- **Whippersnappers** (44 Nashua Road #13, Londonderry, 434-2660) Minor Issues, a five-piece female-fronted band, plays modern and classic rock covers.

- **Wild Rover** (21 Kosciuszko St., Manchester, 669-7722) has Irish music, but the big deal is Thanksgiving dinner served all day on the big day (see top of story).

- **Yard / Midnight Rodeo** (1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-3545) doesn't expect more than just the regular crowd but, says management, it will be turned up to 11.

## Feel the wind on your face

Turkey trots and races keep the holidays moving

By Jeff Mucciarone  
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Gravy and potatoes are wonderful things, as is watching a football game on the sofa with your jeans unbuttoned so you can breathe after your fourth slice of pie. But you know what's also wonderful? A nice brisk run or walk outdoors in the crisp fall air! The feeling of your feet hitting the pavement and your muscles taking shape! Run for the sheer exhilaration, run for the prizes, or walk and enjoy the local scenery. Here's a rundown of area races and fun runs taking place during Thanksgiving week and beyond.

### Wednesday, Nov. 23

**Annual 5K Turkey Trot** at Greenie Park, 70 Heath St., Newton, at 2:45 p.m. Registration costs \$15. Call Kelli Rich at 978-807-7081 or send e-mail to kiwikellbell88@yahoo.com.

### Thursday, Nov. 24

**Third Turkey Trot 5K** at Pierce Island, 66 Marcy St., Portsmouth, at 8:30 a.m. Runners and walkers are welcome. Registration costs \$25. Go to [www.seacoastrotary.org](http://www.seacoastrotary.org). Send e-mail to [turkeytrotportsmouthnh@gmail.com](mailto:turkeytrotportsmouthnh@gmail.com).

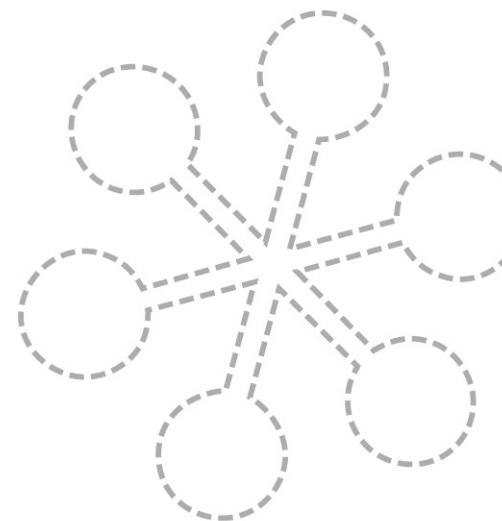
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**St. Joseph Hospital Great Gobbler Thanksgiving 5K Trail Run & Walk** at Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside Drive, Nashua, at 7:45 a.m. 5K run and walk, and a free 400-meter kids run. Registration costs \$15. Call Don McCarty at 880-8927 or send e-mail to [hdmccarty@comcast.net](mailto:hdmccarty@comcast.net).

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### Saturday, Dec. 3

**Santa Claus Shuffle** at Veterans Park, 700 Elm St., Manchester, at 3 p.m. A Santa-themed three-mile run, walk or shuffle preceding the Spirit of the Season Christmas Parade. There will be "elf" races for kids prior to the race. Registration costs \$25. Call John Mortimer at 512-1976 or send e-mail to [mort@millenniumrun.com](mailto:mort@millenniumrun.com). Visit [millenniumrun.com/SantaShuffle.aspx](http://millenniumrun.com/SantaShuffle.aspx).

**Shingle Jingle 5K** at Newfound Memorial Middle School, 155 North Main St., Bristol, at 10:30 a.m. Registration costs \$20 to \$25. Call 744-2713. Send e-mail to [ttcc@metrocast.net](mailto:ttcc@metrocast.net). Visit [www.ttccrec.org](http://www.ttccrec.org).

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### Saturday, Dec. 11

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### Sunday, Jan. 1

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**Resolution 5K** at Little Harbour School, 50 Clough Drive, Portsmouth, at 11 a.m. Registration costs \$20 to \$25. Call Anne Lynch at 828-5933. Send e-mail to [annetlynch@gmail.com](mailto:annetlynch@gmail.com).

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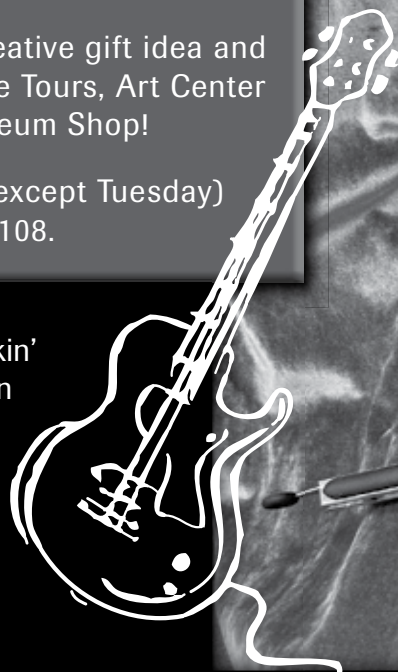
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## Welcome to Christmas City

Downtowns embrace the hustle and bustle

By Jeff Mucciarone  
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Holiday parades and strolls provide an opportunity to share in the holiday cheer each year with jingle bells playing, Santa listening to kids' gift wishes and hot chocolate flowing freely. But there's a business component that event organizers hope to play up as well.

"Anytime Intown Manchester does an event, we hope the event itself provides some economic spin-off," said Samantha DePrima of Intown Manchester. The group organizes the annual Spirit of the Season Christmas Parade in Manchester, which will take place Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. on Elm Street.

Thousands of people — about 30,000 for each — converge on downtown Manchester and downtown Nashua during their two big holiday events: Manchester's Christmas Parade and Nashua's Winter Holiday Stroll, which is slated for Saturday, Nov. 26, from 5 to 10 p.m.

"From a production standpoint, with the economy the way it is, we're seeing it as an opportunity for free exposure," DePrima said.

"It brings thousands of people downtown," said Lyndsey Cole, marketing manager with Main Street Concord. "I would think it would help." Main Street Concord organizes that city's annual Midnight Merriment, which is all about shopping, with some festive fun thrown in. That event will take place this year on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight in downtown Concord.

The holiday mood is rounded out with the roasting of chestnuts by St. Paul's Church members and the singing of carols, but the event is definitely about shopping, Cole said. Shoppers can expect special deals at downtown retailers.

"Everything that I hear is that [businesses] are looking forward to the event," Cole said. "It's always amazing how busy it is even at 10 p.m. and 11 p.m." Cole said not all shops are open the entire time but many stay open until midnight.

Midnight Merriment goes along perfectly with the "Be Local Concord" campaign to shop local. The program has been received well so far, with more than 200 members joining since

it started this past summer.

"...Concord has so much to offer," Cole said. "There are so many unique shops and restaurants, and again, stressing shopping local."

"I always see people carrying lots of packages," during Midnight Merriment, Cole added.

The Nashua Stroll, which Great American Downtown puts on each year, has been a long-standing tradition, and downtown businesses and restaurants have stood to benefit.

"Our downtown is very walkable and it's filled with lots of family-owned businesses, so to have an event like this makes perfect sense," said Sue Butler, former Great American Downtown executive director, last year. The Nashua Stroll, which includes a tree lighting, more than 100 performances, drinks, food and shopping, appeals to all ages. Musical acts have been particularly varied. Country, jazz, blues, rock and Celtic groups have performed at past Nashua Strolls.

While DePrima said the Manchester parade is about quality rather than quantity, the event does get bigger each year. Intown Manchester, with the help of sponsors, has ramped up marketing for the event.

"It affords us the opportunity to spread the message more," DePrima said.

Registration for the parade closed last week with 75 groups participating, including businesses, nonprofit organizations, clubs, school groups and Girl and Boy Scouts. The big sponsors, like Rock 101 and the Union Leader, all participate. Mitt Romney was the only presidential candidate to sign up to take part in the parade.

"Well, on top of saying it's the largest Christmas parade in the state, the thing that makes it so special [is that] it's a nighttime parade," DePrima said. "It kicks off around 4 p.m. and at that time of year it's already pretty dark. It affords us the opportunity to use the lights. It makes the street look pretty with Christmas decorations."

The hope is that following or prior to the parade patrons will stroll around downtown, patronizing local businesses, enjoying the festive feeling, DePrima said.

Not every business is open on a Saturday and some businesses don't like that the parade

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requires the street to be shut down. Some view the parade as preventing customers from getting to them, and so business owners don't always see the event in a positive light. Given that 30,000 people will be in the vicinity of downtown businesses, it's still certainly an opportunity for retail shops and restaurants. Intown Manchester is always ready to use its marketing resources to promote downtown businesses, DePrima said.

Plenty of people are going to look for something hot to eat and drink following the parade. That's something restaurants and eateries can take advantage of.

"It's a unique opportunity to invite people who are down here ... to take advantage of special discounts or promotions [businesses] might want to offer," DePrima said.

During Midnight Merriment, downtown Concord patrons will enjoy visits with Santa Claus, strolling carolers, free admission to the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum, live music at Bicentennial Square and stargazing with the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. The Granite State Roller Derby Girls also will attend. The event, which is sponsored

this year by Citizens Bank, has grown year after year. Kids can drop off letters for Santa as well at the event.

"Certainly Midnight Merriment is a downtown Concord tradition," Cole said. "It is about shopping and dining and promoting what we have to offer in downtown Concord."

New this year at Midnight Merriment, the Concord Arts Market will be participating and will feature a "Giftapalooza" at the Atrium at Eagle Square with 24 local artisans selling holiday gifts. The Capitol Center for the Arts will host storytelling, and the League of NH Craftsmen will host workshops.

At their cores, these events are about sharing holiday cheer.

Santa will be riding along on a fire truck, all lit up, at the Manchester Christmas parade. The nighttime component makes it stand out, DePrima said.

"There's nothing more special than watching little kids' faces about three feet away from Santa Claus. That's what it's all about," DePrima said.

### Tree-lightings and other city festivities

**Amherst:** Tree Lighting Festival will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at WWI Common when Santa lights the tree. The weekend of events continues through Sunday, Dec. 11, with live music, breakfasts, hay rides, more visits with Santa, open houses and suppers, including a spaghetti supper at the Congregational Church following the tree lighting. Send e-mail to Ann Bergin at ACBergin@aol.com for info.

**Candia:** Lights on the Hill will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 8 p.m. Activities will be hosted in historic 19th-century buildings. The event, which includes a live nativity scene, begins at the corner of Route 27 and South Road. Participants can walk the village, which will be lined with luminaries, or take a shuttle bus to sites. The event also includes live music, shopping, craft making, balloon sculptures, and gift-wrapping help from elves. Donate hats, gloves or socks.

**Concord:** Midnight Merriment will take place on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight in downtown Concord. The event is Main Street Concord's kick-off to the holiday shopping season. Patrons shop at local businesses in a festive setting, complete with sparkling white lights, decorated windows, strolling carolers and a visit from Santa.

**Concord:** Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, Nov. 25, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. downtown. The event will feature a petting zoo, Santa, hayrides, music and fireworks.

**Derry:** Annual Holiday Parade will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, beginning at Broadway, running to Crystal Avenue and ending at Hood Commons.

**Derry:** A Very Derry Holiday will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Veterans Hall and Adams Memorial Opera House. Along with tree lighting, the event includes painting wooden toys in Santa's workshop, a holiday concert, face painting, cookie decorating and children's holiday crafts. Mrs. Claus will host a cupcake walk.

**Dunbarton:** Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the Town Common, Stark Highway, Route 13. It will feature refreshments and caroling, and Santa will stop in. Bring a canned good for the local food pantry.

**Manchester:** 2011 Spirit of New Hampshire Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. on Elm Street in downtown Manchester. The event, attended by about 30,000 people each year and the largest float parade in the state, features festive floats, marching bands and Santa Claus. Also, A Holiday Market will take place on Thursdays, Dec. 1 through Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in the Brady Sullivan Plaza Mall at 1000 Elm St. The market will be open until 8 p.m. on Dec. 15. The mall will be turned into a holiday market, complete with vendors from throughout New Hampshire. Visit [www.intownmanchester.com](http://www.intownmanchester.com). Call 645-6285.

**Milford:** Festival of Lights and tree lighting take place on Friday, Nov. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at 100 Broad St. The event will feature horse and carriage rides, hot chocolate, live music and an elf to help with the tree lighting.

**Milford:** Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on the Oval on Sunday, Dec. 11, from noon to 2 p.m. Santa's elves and Yukon Jack will be taking part in the festivities. A postal worker will be collecting letters for Santa.

**Nashua:** 18th Annual Winter Holiday Stroll will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 5 to 10 p.m. About 30,000 people from throughout the region descend on downtown Nashua for the free event, which features tree lighting, live entertainment, food, drink and plenty of shopping. The event includes more than 100 performances, a beer garden, and a holiday procession.

**Pelham:** 3rd Annual Southern New Hampshire Festival of Trees will take place from Friday, Nov. 25, through Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 5 p.m. at Sherburne Hall in the municipal building at 6 Village Green. Visit [www.snhfestivaloftrees.com](http://www.snhfestivaloftrees.com). Admission costs \$5.

**Penacook:** Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Merrimack Street, from Sanders Street to Village Street.

**Wilton:** Annual Holiday Stroll will take place on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Selectman Bill Brennan and Santa Claus will kick off the stroll at the gazebo at 5:30 p.m. Brennan and Santa will proceed to Wilton Center to light the holiday tree. Downtown merchants will be offering holiday treats and beverages. The event also features the Wilton High School Band.



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### Standards on stage

Bring on Scrooge and the Sugar Plum Fairy

By Adam Coughlin  
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Just as surely as old Saint Nick will wiggle his way down your chimney, local theater companies and ballet studios will present the holiday classics *A Christmas Carol* and *The Nutcracker*. This year, audiences can check out what Ebenezer Scrooge would have looked like if he were living in the present day, and see talented ballerinas from New York City here in New Hampshire. Leave the milk and cookies by the tree and go check out some classic live holiday-themed theater.

- In Peter Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, a young girl named Clara receives a nutcracker from Judge Drosselmeyer. It turns out the nutcracker is magical and brings to life an amazing world for the young girl. Southern New Hampshire Dance Theatre will perform *The Nutcracker* Friday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. Southern New Hampshire Dance Theatre was founded in 1996 by Bedford resident Patricia Lavoie, according to the theater's website, [www.snhdt.org](http://www.snhdt.org). The performance (a past year is pictured above) will be accompanied by a live orchestra led by Grammy Award-winning conductor John McLaughlin Williams. Williams was the first African-American conductor to win a Grammy, according to information provided by the Palace Theatre. Tickets cost \$15 to \$45. Call 668-5588 or visit [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org).

- A cast of 100 performers including guests from New York City's American Ballet Theater will perform when the **New England Dance Ensemble** puts on *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. at Windham High School, 64 London Bridge Road. The legendary two-act ballet premiered in Russia in 1892. Tickets cost \$20. Visit [www.nede.org](http://www.nede.org) or [tix.com](http://tix.com).

- Pontine Theatre's artistic directors, Marguerite Mathews and Greg Gathers, will perform *A Christmas Carol* on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Merrimack Public Library, 470 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack. They will perform a toy theater version of the show, which is a type of entertainment that was popular dur-

ing Charles Dickens' lifetime. The show is for adults and children ages 10 and up. Seating is limited, so registration is recommended. Call 424-5021 or visit [www.merrimack.lib.nh.us](http://www.merrimack.lib.nh.us).

- Once again, Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic *A Christmas Carol* will grace the stage of the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, on Fridays, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, and Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, and Dec. 17, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. The show was recently voted the Best Live Theater Show in Manchester by Hippo readers. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$45. Call 668-5588 or visit [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org).

- **The Rep** will perform *A Christmas Carol* from Dec. 2 through Dec. 24 at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. Show times are 2, 7:30 and 8 p.m. The show is adapted from Charles Dickens' novella by John Kimbell with original music by Alby Potts and James Woodland. Tickets cost \$24 to \$35. Visit [www.seacoastrep.org](http://www.seacoastrep.org) or call 433-4472.

- **The Dancer's Loft**, located at 5 Pine Street Extension, #6 Mill Annex, Nashua, will perform Tchaikovsky's classic *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Souhegan High School, 412 Boston Post Road, Amherst. Tickets cost \$20. E-mail [thedancersloft@gmail.com](mailto:thedancersloft@gmail.com) or call 882-0415.

- *A Christmas Carol, Told in the Style of Charles Dickens* will be performed on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. in the Main Reading Room of the Amherst Town Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. The show will be performed by master storyteller **Odds Bodkin**. In 1843, Charles Dickens stood behind lecterns and performed his own script, adding voices for the characters, according to information provided by the library. Bodkins will follow suit. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Call 673-2288 or visit [www.amherst.lib.nh.us](http://www.amherst.lib.nh.us).

- George Hosker-Bouley's *A Dickens' of a Christmas* returns for its ninth year at the Old Salt Restaurant, 490 Lafayette Road, Hampton. In the show, Hosker-Bouley plays Charles Dickens struggling with writer's block as he tries to create a holiday story for his children. The show, which also includes a three-course dinner and live music, will be performed Tuesdays, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, beginning at 6 p.m.

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- For the 27th year the **Nebraska Theatre Caravan** will perform its warmhearted musical version of *A Christmas Carol* at the Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$32.50 (\$28.50 for faculty, staff, alum and senior citizens; \$15.50 for students; \$6 for Saint Anselm College students). Call 641-7700 or visit [www.anselm.edu/dana](http://www.anselm.edu/dana).

- The Pontine Theatre isn't going to perform just any old version of *A Christmas Carol*. Co-artistic directors Greg Gathers and Marguerite Mathews will be putting on a paper theater version of the beloved classic inspired by Victorian toy theater, which would have been popular during Dickens' lifetime. The show will be performed Dec. 9 through Dec. 11 at Pontine's West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$24. The duo will be touring the production to 20 sites in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The program also includes *Jimmy Scarecrow's Christmas*, an original staging adapted from a short story by 19th-century Massachusetts writer Mary Wilkins Freeman. Visit [www.pontine.org](http://www.pontine.org) or call 436-6660.

- A modern-day version of *A Christmas Carol* will be performed in Portsmouth Dec. 9 through Dec. 23 at **The Players' Ring**, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. Shows are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. There are also 7 p.m. shows on Tuesday, Dec. 20, Wednesday, Dec. 21, Thursday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 23. In this show, writer-director Kathleen Cavalaro (who wrote *At My Window*) will modernize Players' Ring founder Gary Newton's original adaption of the holiday classic. The show stars Will MacDonald as Scrooge and introduces Skylar Burke, who plays both Tiny Tim and the modern-day Skylar. Visit [www.playersring.org](http://www.playersring.org) or call 436-8123.

- The Sugar Plum Fairy and little Clara will take to the stage when the New Hampshire School of Ballet performs *The Nutcracker* on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Britney Provencher stars as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Lindsey Cassidy will play Clara. The show will be directed by Jennifer Beauvais-Rienert. Tickets cost \$15. Call 668-5330.

- *The Nutcracker* will be performed on Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. There will also be a special abridged school performance on Friday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. Doing the dancing will be Rochester's own ballet company, **Sole City Dance** ([www.solecitydance.org](http://www.solecitydance.org)). Tickets cost \$20 and \$24. Call 335-1992 or visit [www.rochesteroperahouse.com](http://www.rochesteroperahouse.com).

- Ebenezer Scrooge goes from crotchety old man to beloved grandfather figure when he wakes up on Christmas morning and decides to buy things for everyone. Perhaps the All Saints Anglican Church was inspired by this generosity — they will present *A Dickens Christmas* on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord, free and open to the public. Call 781-5695 or visit [www.justlovetosing.com](http://www.justlovetosing.com).

- The folks at the **Rochester Opera House** will update Dickens' classic as their version of *A Christmas Carol* follows the exploits of a Scrooge who lives in the 1940s and up to the present day. The show will be performed on Thursday, Dec. 15, Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. Tickets cost \$16. There will also be performances on Wednesday, Dec. 21, Thursday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 23, at 10 a.m. Doug Decker will portray Scrooge in this show directed by Shay Willard with live musical direction by Kathy Fink. Tickets cost \$6. Call 335-1992 or visit [rochesteroperahouse.com](http://rochesteroperahouse.com).

- **The Peacock Players** don't want the adults to have all the holiday fun. They are putting on their own version of *A Christmas Carol* on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Nashua Court Street Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua. The show is originally staged by Peacock Players artistic director Keith Weirich and is rated PG, which means it is fun for the whole family. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$17. Visit [www.peacockplayers.org](http://www.peacockplayers.org) or call 886-7000.

- Peter Tchaikovsky's legendary ballet *The Nutcracker* will be brought to life by the Nashua-based Ballet Theatre Dance Center on Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Keefe Auditorium, 117 Elm St., Nashua. All performances are at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$18 to \$25. Call 889-8408 or visit [www.nbtdc.com](http://www.nbtdc.com).

- **The Turning Pointe Center of Dance**, located in Pembroke, will perform, for the 29th year, *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. The show will be directed by Lisa Drouin Goff. Tickets cost \$15. Call 485-8740 or e-mail [tpcd@comcast.net](mailto:tpcd@comcast.net).



## Holiday Guide

# Not the Nutcracker

Theater groups go offbeat for holiday shows

By Adam Coughlin  
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Many theater companies around southern New Hampshire will surprise audiences by performing shows other than the holiday staples of *A Christmas Carol* and *The Nutcracker*. One combines all the holiday favorites into one performance, while another has been described as part *The Parent Trap* and part *Spy Kids*. Whatever your fancy, it should be a lot of fun.

- The Reduced Shakespeare Company has condensed the Bible, the history of America and sports into a single performance, so taking on Christmas should be no problem. The group will perform *The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)* Nov. 25 through Dec. 18 at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 132 Warren St., Lowell, Mass. Performances are at 2, 4, 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$42, \$48 and \$54. Visit [www.merrimackrep.org](http://www.merrimackrep.org) or call 978-654-4MRT.

- For the 18th year, the annual **Winter Holiday Stroll** will be held in Nashua. The stroll will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 5 to 10 p.m. through downtown Nashua on Main Street. Close to 30,000 people visit the city during this free event each year, which boasts some 100 performers. Visit [www.downtownnashua.org](http://www.downtownnashua.org).

- **Buckhill Productions**, a new production company that brought *Cole* to the Capitol Center last summer, will perform *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some!)* on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. at Red River Theatres, 11 S. Main St., Concord. The ambitious show is directed by John McCluggage and features a cast of only three: Darcie Champagne, Ed Batchelder and Dan Beaulieu. What they lack in numbers they make up for in performances. *A Christmas Carol* will be just one of many holiday classics they address, along with holiday traditions from around the world and pop-culture references. Tickets cost \$15. Call 224-4600 or visit [www.redrivertheatres.org](http://www.redrivertheatres.org).

- The Leddy Center, 38c Ladd's Lane, Epping, will present two Christmas musicals of love. The first is *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, a one-act opera written by Gian Carlo Menotti about a young disabled boy named Amahl who has a history of telling lies; he and his mother are visited by the three wise men on their way to see the baby Jesus, according to production notes (pictured above). The second show is O. Henry's classic *The Gift of the Magi*, in which a young couple's exchange of gifts involves a surprising twist. The shows will be performed Dec. 2 through Dec. 11: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays and Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 and \$18. Visit [www.leddycenter.org](http://www.leddycenter.org) or call 679-2781.

- The **Rochester Follies** will be performed on Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. The show, which features some famous names in Rochester, like Major T.J. Jean, will include skits, dance, song and



merriment. Peg Johnson will once again perform "It's Raining Men" and Gregg Sargent will bring back his guitar. Tickets cost \$20. Call 335-1992 or visit [www.rochesteroperahouse.com](http://www.rochesteroperahouse.com).

- *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* will be performed by the Bedford Youth Performing Company on Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Derryfield School, 2108 River Road, Manchester. The BYPC was founded in 1996. "With programs for students from birth to adult BYPC was built in the tradition of Boston Conservatory and Juilliard offering comprehensive programs in music, dance, and theater for more than 1,400 students in southern New Hampshire and beyond," according to its website, [www.bypc.org](http://www.bypc.org). Call 472-3894 or e-mail [bypc@bypc.org](mailto:bypc@bypc.org).

- Cindy Flanagan's Concord Dance Academy will perform a **Holiday Spectacular** on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 1 and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. The evening features a variety of dances and holiday songs but is more than just a few hours of entertainment — there will also be a holiday 50/50 raffle, which allows the school to make donations to a variety of charities, such as Toys for Tots and the Friendly Kitchen. Tickets cost \$10. Visit [www.concorddanceacademy.com](http://www.concorddanceacademy.com) or call 226-0200.

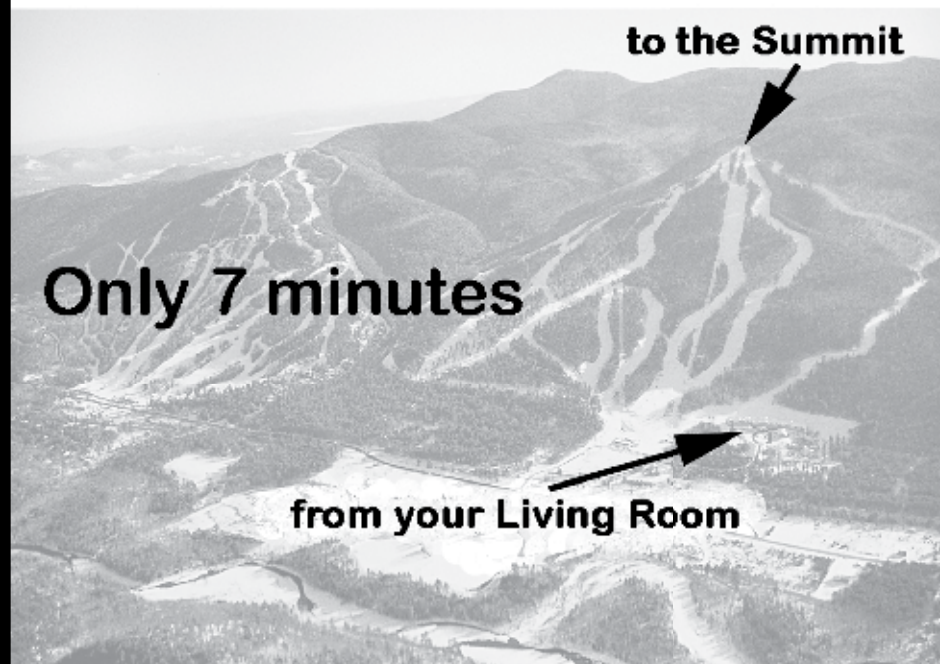
- A **Holiday Open House** will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. During this time, visitors will get to learn more about the facility that brings a lot of great performances to Concord. Call 225-7474 or e-mail [info@concordcityauditorium.org](mailto:info@concordcityauditorium.org).

- Last year the Majestic Theatre did a holiday version of *Nunsense*. This year they'll be taking on the Christmas special version of *Forever Plaid*, an off-Broadway musical revue of groups like The Four Aces. The holiday show, which has a modified plot and holiday songs, is called *Plaid Tidings* and will be performed Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre, 281 Cartier St., Manchester. Tickets cost \$12, \$15, and \$18. Visit [www.majestictheatre.net](http://www.majestictheatre.net) or call 669-7469.

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with perform *Madeline's Christmas* Dec. 10 through Dec. 18 at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. Shows are Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. The production is based on the story by Ludwig Bemelmans and is directed by Robyn Barrows. Tickets cost \$10. Call 433-4472 or visit [www.seacoastrep.org](http://www.seacoastrep.org).

- The team from the popular morning radio show "Greg and the Morning Buzz" will be hosting **The Buzz Christmas Ball** on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. Tickets cost \$30 to \$40. The show will feature a 12-piece rock orchestra called The Velvet Elves and will include performances from comedians and actors. Visit [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org) or call 668-5588.

- The Eastern Ballet Institute will team up with the Purple Finches children's chorus from the Concord Community Music School for a special show called **The Twelve Days of Christmas**. The performance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 1 and 4 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. Tickets cost \$16.50 (\$12.50 for seniors and students). Visit [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com) or call 225-1111.

- In **Twelve Days 'Til Christmas**, a family is on the brink of divorce until they find hope in the holiday season. The play will be performed on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford. Those involved with the production are promoting it as a cross between *Spy Kids* and *The Parent Trap*. Divorce doesn't seem like a typical holiday topic, but the play deals with the power of love. Tickets cost \$10 (\$6 for kids under 12). Visit [www.lifeline-drama.com](http://www.lifeline-drama.com).

- "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings." That is one of the most famous lines in cinema and it was uttered in the classic film *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart. The adaption that is coming to Concord is done in the style of live radio. WVL Radio Theater will perform it on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. In the show, the audience sees the inside of a radio studio in 1946 and in that studio the tale of George Bailey comes to life, according to a description of the show on the Capitol Center's website. Tickets cost \$20, \$29 and \$35. Visit [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com) or call 225-1111.

## Classical Christmas sounds

Symphonies, choruses, handbells sing and ring in the season

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The holidays are a feast for the senses, not least the sense of sound. During the season of giving, local orchestras and choirs will be giving special concerts. Sit back, relax and take in the musical tones of the season.

- The NH Philharmonic will kick off the holiday season with a performance of **Holiday Pops** on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton Way, Derry. The concert, hosted by Amy Covenor of WMUR, will feature a Christmas carol sing-along. The audience will also enjoy the choirs of Pinkerton Academy and the Timberlane School. Tickets cost \$15 to \$50. Call 668-5588 or visit [www.nhphilharmonic.org](http://www.nhphilharmonic.org).

- Fiddler Eileen Ivers will perform **An Irish Christmas** on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. Tickets cost \$32.50 (\$28.50 for senior citizens; \$15.50 for college students and kids under 14). Call 641-7700 or visit [www.anselm.edu/dana](http://www.anselm.edu/dana).

- "Pastime with Good Company" is a concert of medieval and Renaissance music on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St., Peterborough. Lachrimae of Franklin Pierce University will be performing the music and dance in honor of Christmas and the winter season. The group will be performing "**O Magnum Mysterium**" by Spanish composer Tomas Luis de Victoria, honoring the 400th anniversary of his death. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 925-4555.

- The third annual **Winter Benefit Concert** will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, at 6 and 8 p.m. at UNH Manchester, 400 Commercial St., Manchester. The concert is hosted by UNH Manchester's Milling Around, Manchester's first *a cappella* group and the only collegiate *a cappella* group in the city. The concert will

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- For the 81st year, there will be a performance of George Frederick **Handel's Messiah** in Concord. The performances will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Centre St., Concord. The performance on Saturday is an open rehearsal while Sunday's show is a full production. Benjamin Greene will conduct. Free admission. Visit [www.messiah.webatu.com](http://www.messiah.webatu.com).

- For the 24th year, as many as 100 volunteers from 16 communities will perform selections of Handel's "**Messiah**" on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church at the top of Route 13, South Main Street, Mont Vernon. No tickets are sold; a free-will offering is taken at performances. This is a non-profit organization and businesses are invited to contribute, or to sponsor a musician for \$100. Call 673-3510 or visit [www.montvernonchurch.org](http://www.montvernonchurch.org).

- The Saint Anselm College Choir, under the direction of Father Bede Camera, will perform **December Song** on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at The Abbey Church, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. The concert, which is free and open to the public, begins in the dark with only candlelight. As it continues, it will include songs and readings celebrating both the Advent and Christmas seasons. Call 641-7700 or visit [www.anselm.edu/dana](http://www.anselm.edu/dana).

- The **New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus** will perform a concert series called "Peace." The concerts will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant St., Concord, 224-2521; Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. at the Derryfield School, 2108 River Road, Manchester, 669-4524; Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal

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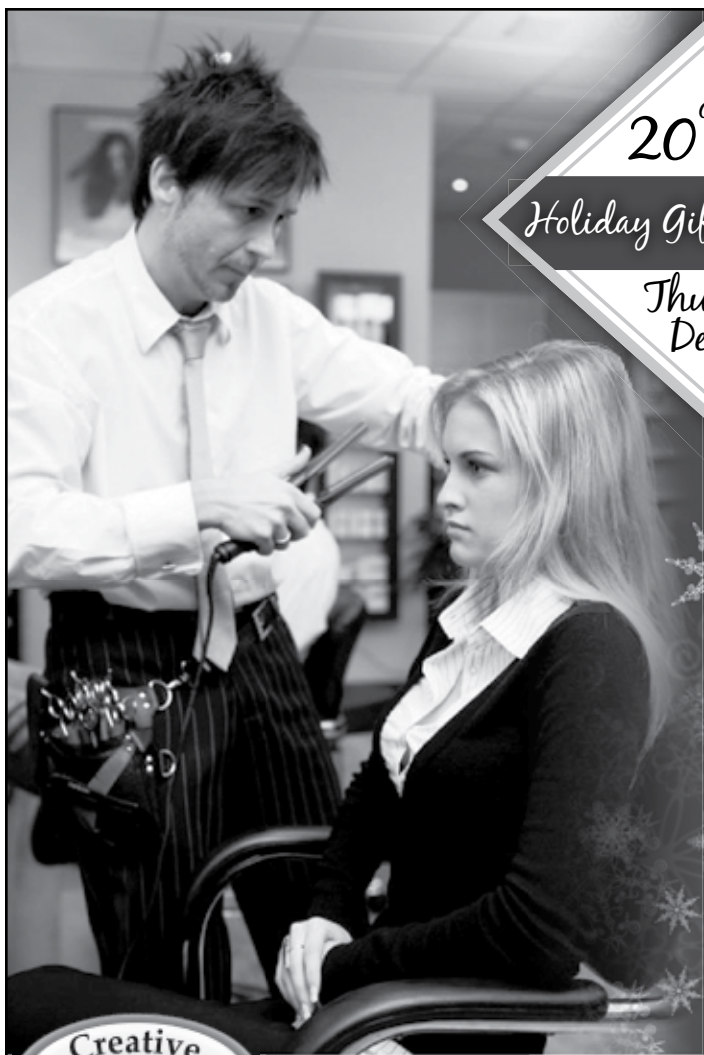
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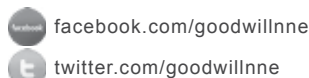
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• **The Third Annual Holiday Pops Concert** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. The concert will feature both the New Hampshire Youth Jazz Ensemble and the New Hampshire Youth Symphony Orchestra. Besides music there will be a raffle for more than \$1,000 worth of gift certificates. As the concert is typically standing room only, reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets cost \$25. Visit [www.mcmuschool.org](http://www.mcmuschool.org) or call 644-4548.

• **The Fourth Annual Holiday Concert** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. at the Dunbarton Congregational Church, 6 Stark Highway, Dunbarton. Pianist Daniel Van Kalkern will solo and there will also be performances by the Just-in-Time Chorale. Tickets cost \$10 (\$5 for children 12-6; free for kids under 6). Visit [decucc.org](http://decucc.org).

• The Whistler House Museum of Art is joining with the **Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra** to present a **Holiday Concert** that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Parker Gallery of Whistler House, 243 Worthen St., Lowell, Mass. Tickets cost \$12 (\$10 for children). Visit [www.lowellphilharmonic.org](http://www.lowellphilharmonic.org) or visit [www.whistlerhouse.org](http://www.whistlerhouse.org).

• The Merrimack Concert Association will hold a **Holiday Concert** on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. at Merrimack High School, 38 McElwain St., Merrimack. Tickets cost \$7 (\$5 for children 12 and under). The show will be led by Choral Director Jamie Saucier and Band Director Lelia Dutton. The group will perform a variety of holiday favorites. Call Laurie at 424-0558.

• The Manchester Choral Society will perform **A Christmas Tapestry** in collaboration with Granite State Ringers, New Hampshire's only community handbell choir, on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell St., Manchester. Daniel Perkins will conduct the singers. Visit [www.mcsnh.org](http://www.mcsnh.org).

• The Granite State Symphony Orchestra will perform **Holiday Pops** on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. at Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord, featuring holiday favorites and a sing-along, plus a guest conductor from the North Pole. Tickets cost \$10 to \$35. Call 226-4776 or visit [www.gssso.org](http://www.gssso.org).

• The Nashua Flute Choir will join with Kathy Blake Dance Studio for a special performance called **Music and Dance Christmas Concert** on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 4 Watson St., Nashua. Tickets cost \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students, \$5 for children). Visit [www.nashuaflutechoir.com](http://www.nashuaflutechoir.com) or call 888-1741.

• Harpist Jane Wilcox Hively will perform a spe-

cial concert called **A Winter Welcome** on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Laconia Public Library, 695 North Main St., Laconia. Hively is a Celtic harpist from North Conway. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations are accepted. Call 527-1278 or e-mail [lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net).

• **Holiday pops** will be performed by the Southern New Hampshire Community Band and Orchestra on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell St., Manchester. They will perform Bernstein's "Mass," Alfred Reed's "Russian Christmas Music" and "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Look for Southern New Hampshire University president Paul LeBlanc to play a special role. The concert is free and open to the public. Visit [www.snhu.edu/music](http://www.snhu.edu/music).

• The Nashua Symphony Brass and Nashua Symphony Chorus will join together in a holiday special called **"Brass Flourish"** on Friday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 777 West Hollis St., Nashua. There will be carols and Christmas hits as well as a sing-along with the chorus. Call 595-9156 or visit [www.nashuasymphony.org](http://www.nashuasymphony.org).

• Christmas caroling is a lot of fun but one of its drawbacks is that many of us have awful voices. This is not true of the Manchester Choral Society, whose members will provide **Caroling at the Currier** on Saturday, Dec. 17, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Visit [www.mcsnh.org](http://www.mcsnh.org).

• **The Boston Pops** will perform on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Arena, 555 Elm St., Manchester. The Pops will be joined by Keith Lockhart and Rockapella! Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$124. Call 863-7300 ext. 603.

• **The Merrimack Holiday Pops** will perform on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. This annual treat features the New England Wind Symphony and Clayton Poole. Visit [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com).

• **The Strafford Wind Symphony Concert** will be held on Friday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. Special guest narrator Cliff Blake returns for *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Tickets prices range from \$7 to \$12. Call 335-1922 or visit [www.rochesteroperahouse.com](http://www.rochesteroperahouse.com).





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Gifts of art make real connections

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Sure, you can get that special someone in your life a Tickle Me Elmo or a Snuggie. But wouldn't a locally made work of art or craft be more unique, more fun, more, well, personal? A lot of galleries throughout the state are hosting special holiday exhibits and sales, many of which have smaller pieces for sale so they won't cost you an arm and a leg. And even if you're not buying, you can enjoy a relaxing hour in a gallery, soaking up some warmth and art away from the winter chill.

- Good things come in small packages — thus the **Holiday Miniatures Exhibit** will be held through Jan. 13 at the Sharon Arts Downtown Exhibition Gallery, 30 Grove St., Peterborough. The exhibit features hundreds of miniature pieces, 10 inches square and smaller, in a variety of media including oil, watercolor, pastel, collage and photography. And since these works are relatively small, they don't cost too much and make perfect gifts. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 924-7676 or visit [www.sharonarts.org](http://www.sharonarts.org).

- If someone on your shopping list likes paintings, pottery, jewelry or sculpture, then you'll want to check out **Artful Giving for the Holiday**, which will be held through Dec. 24 at the Millbrook Gallery & Sculpture Gardens, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 226-2046 or visit [www.themillbrookgallery.com](http://www.themillbrookgallery.com).

- The works of **Fr. Iain MacLellan**, who is the director of the Saint Anselm College Chapel Art Center, will be on display through Dec. 10 at the Alva de Mars Megan Chapel Art Center at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. The exhibition will display more than two decades of works by Fr. MacLellan and will feature Christmas drawings and other religious works. The father is also a member of the Saint Anselm Abbey and often creates their annual Christmas card. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Call 641-7241.

- **Winter Lights IV Art Exhibit** will be held through Jan. 1 at the Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell, Mass. The exhibit features work from more than 15 northern Massachusetts artists, including Betsy Keeney and Tarja Cockell. These artists work in everything from jewelry to photography. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be an artist reception on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit [www.loadingdockgallery.com](http://www.loadingdockgallery.com) or call 978-349-8069.

- In celebration of having owned her own gallery for five years, Robin Frisella will host a **Home for the Holidays open house** on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Frisella Fine Art Studio, 26 Old Manchester Road, Candia. Doreen Boissonneault, Dick Fischer, Debby Frisella, and Stephen Previte will be joining Frisella. Call 361-4759 or visit [www.robinfrisella.com](http://www.robinfrisella.com).

- The works of Doreen Boissonneault and Dawn Sanel will be on display from Nov. 29 through Dec. 31 at East Colony Fine Art, 55 South Commercial St., Manchester. The exhibit is called **"Close to Home"** and will feature New England scenes. Boissonneault works with oils; Sanel does pastels. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. Call 621-7400 or visit [www.eastcolony.com](http://www.eastcolony.com).

- A **Holiday Fine Art Show** will be held Nov. 30 through Dec. 30 at the New Hampshire Art Association, 136 State St., Portsmouth. There will be a reception Friday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit [www.nhartassociation.org](http://www.nhartassociation.org).

- The **34th Annual Contoocook Artisans Holiday Craft Fair** will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Andrews Parish Hall, 354 Main St., Hopkinton. Thirty-five local artisans will be featured, and a variety of handmade items, such as dolls, hand-woven baskets, leatherwork and hand-blown and hand-formed glass works, will be for sale. Visit [www.starrystarryweekend.blogspot.com](http://www.starrystarryweekend.blogspot.com).

- Thirty skilled artisans will gather in a single location to make



Clockwise from top left: Work of Ann Lee in Lowell. Work of Jonathan Simon at the Soo Rye Gallery. "Sunflowers and Apples" by Robin Frisella. "Rest on the Flight" by Fr. Iain MacLellan. Courtesy photos..

your holiday shopping that much easier. The **Downtown Manchester Holiday Market** will be held Thursdays, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, and Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Dec. 15, in the Brady Sullivan Plaza Mall, 1000 Elm St., Manchester. Some of the artisans whose work will be on display are Alfred Spitzer Jr., who makes custom woodworking; Julie Johnson, whose hand soaps and lip balms will leave you smelling great, and artist Christina Burke-Gagnon. Visit [www.intownmanchester.com](http://www.intownmanchester.com) or call 645-6285.

- For the first time in 34 years, the **Evergreen Fair** will have Saturday hours. The holiday fair, which celebrates a long history of crafts, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UNH Memorial Union Building, 83 Main St., Durham. The fair also features instrument making and culinary arts. The event is free and open to the public. E-mail [evergreenfair@hotmail.com](mailto:evergreenfair@hotmail.com) or call 934-6248.

- Milford's traditional annual **Holiday Fair** has been going on for 25 years. This year it will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jacques School, 7 Elm St., Milford. Vendors and crafters will have their goods on display all day. Free shuttle service is provided. E-mail [joandargie@aol.com](mailto:joandargie@aol.com).

- The **Annual Holiday Open House** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New

Hampshire Antique Co-op, 323 Elm St./Route 101A, Milford. Besides being decorated for the holidays, the store will also have Mrs. Claus' North Pole Kitchen on display. The kitchen vignette is designed by Beverly Weir-Longacre, who has been collecting and dealing antiques for more than 20 years. Call 673-8499.

- In the **Winter Glass Expo**, five local artists will host a joint open house on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, from noon to 5 p.m., at Aaron Slater Glass, 21 West Auburn St., Manchester. The work on display varies from intricate sculpture to Christmas ornaments, according to comments by Jeff Lamy in a press release. Lamy said the glass is one of the main attractions but people will also love the demonstrations. Call 380-3004 or visit [www.aaronslaterglass.com](http://www.aaronslaterglass.com).

- For the second year, small works will be for sale at a multi-artist **Precious Holiday Exhibit**. It will be held through Jan. 15 at Soo Rye Art Gallery, 11 Sagamore Road, Rye. The works, which are done in acrylic, ceramic, collage and pen and ink, will be smaller than 14" x 16" and will all be priced under \$300. Call 319-1578 or visit [www.soorye.com](http://www.soorye.com).

- The holiday-themed show "Small Works, Great Gifts" will be on display through Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the **Seacoast Artist Association**, 225 Water St., Exeter. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of the works are done by local artists and all are smaller than 11" x 14". "The Seacoast Art-



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ist Association is a not-for-profit organization, and 25 percent of sales go towards an annual scholarship for graduating high school students seeking a college education in the arts," according to the group's website, [www.seacoartist.org](http://www.seacoartist.org). Call 778-8856.

- Karen Beaver will teach a two-hour workshop in using origami, the Japanese art of paper folding, to make holiday ornaments on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at the **Nashua Public Library**, 2 Court St., Nashua. Beaver works in the library's Music/Art/Media Department and teaches craft classes at a variety of venues in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Registration is required and open to adults and teens ages 14 and up. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/nplcraft](http://www.tinyurl.com/nplcraft). Call 589-4610.

- The Currier Museum of Art will host a Focus Tour called **"Celebrating Winter — A**

**Ramble through Snowy Scapes"** on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. During the tour, Docent Jane White will guide visitors through different artworks that include depictions of sleigh rides and snowy mountains. Visit [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org) or call 669-6144.

- A **Holiday Marketplace** will be held through Dec. 31 at The Brush Gallery & Artists' Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell, Mass. The event is part of the city of Lowell's city-wide "City of Lights" event. Visitors will find a plethora of handcrafted items made from local artists. You can meet some of the artists as well. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Visit [www.thebrush.org](http://www.thebrush.org).

## Home for the holiday design

Add the New Hampshire touch to your decorating

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Sure, you could fill up your Christmas tree with glittery balls, blinking lights and sparkly tinsel. But you could also work in a replica of the Declaration of Independence or an ornament honoring Gen. John Stark.

A number of cultural and historical organizations in the state offer New Hampshire-themed Christmas ornaments ready to be hung on the perfect branch.

This is the third year the American Independence Museum ([www.independencemuseum.org](http://www.independencemuseum.org)) in Exeter is selling a custom holiday ornament. It's extra special this year, because the Museum is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The Dunlap Broadside Commemorative Ornament of the Declaration of Independence is a flat, two-sided piece and includes a description on the back.

A few years ago, Julie Tiebout, marketing and development director for the Museum, ran into a man at a crafts fair in Maine who makes ornaments for museums. The two began talking and it took off from there, Tiebout said.

The discovery of an original copy of the Declaration of Independence in the attic of the Ladd-Gilman House beneath a floorboard in 1985 led to the creation of the museum a few years later. A man putting in a fire alarm discovered the copy, Tiebout said.

"We thought this was the perfect choice for this year," Tiebout said.

The New Hampshire Historical Society carries a variety of ornaments at its museum store in Concord; some are custom-designed and many are made in New Hampshire or elsewhere in New England, such as selections from Hampshire Pewter, which makes hand-cast and hand-fin-

ished ornaments. There are ornaments that honor and replicate the Concord Coach, John Stark, covered bridges and the Old Man in the Mountain, said Joan Desmarais, assistant executive director of the Historical Society. She said she'd be interested to see if the Old Man continues to sell well.

The museum store also includes glass ornaments from Old Hancock Glass in Antrim. Hancock Glass makes a variety of ornaments and suncatchers, which can double as ornaments, Desmarais said.

"We've sold thousands of those," Desmarais said of Old Hancock Glass ornaments. "And we love that they're made right here in New Hampshire ... with century-old techniques."

Patrons like picking up Hampshire Pewter's moose ornament as well as other New Hampshire symbols, Desmarais said. The Society has been selling the ornaments since it opened its museum store in the mid-1990s. Visit the store online at [www.nhhistory.org/store](http://www.nhhistory.org/store).

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen puts out an annual ornament as well.

"My favorites are the Hancock Glass," Desmarais said. "They're so affordable and lovely, and handmade. A small one is \$5 and a medium-sized one is \$7. They're just really lovely."

The American Independence Museum keeps a mailing list of people who like to collect its annual ornament offerings.

"It's very good for people who maybe have relatives who live far away," Tiebout said, adding she expected ornament sales to pick up in the coming weeks. "Or people who like to have a collection." The Museum does run out of ornaments each year — they carry a limited quantity, Tiebout said.

And it could be on your Christmas tree.

### New Hampshire ornaments

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen ([www.nhcrafts.org/index.html](http://www.nhcrafts.org/index.html)) offers a limited-edition annual ornament that is hand-crafted by a member. Walker Boyle's handcrafted 2011 pewter ornament, called Nature's Adornment, is a **pewter pine cone**. The ornament is available at all of the League's retail galleries and costs \$22.50.

The American Independence Museum ([www.independencemuseum.org](http://www.independencemuseum.org)) in Exeter sells a **Dunlap Broadside Commemorative Ornament** of the Declaration of Independence. The ornament costs \$14.95. Send e-mail to [jtiebout@independencemuseum.org](mailto:jtiebout@independencemuseum.org).

The New Hampshire Historical Society ([www.nhhistory.org](http://www.nhhistory.org)) offers a **variety of ornaments** at its museum store in Concord, including varieties by Hampshire Pewter and Old Hancock Glass. Prices range from \$5 to \$17.50. Ornaments can be purchased at the museum store and online.



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# Oh gluten-free, oh gluten-free

How lovely are thy recipes

By Angel Roy  
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When he's invited to dinner at someone's home for the holidays, Jeff Brockway will offer to bring a gluten-free dish for the spread.

"Friends and family might know a little bit about gluten-free but one of the biggest challenges for people is preparing the food," said Brockway, who suffers from celiac disease. "They might do their very best but we still have to ask a lot of questions."

While most associate gluten with baked goods, the processed wheat protein can also be found in gravies, soups (which are often used in holiday casseroles) and even meats, such as turkey.

"One of the things with turkey is it is very often prepackaged, some are pre-basted and there are ones that come with gravy, things like that," said Brockway, owner of Buckwheat's Gluten Free Bakery (buckwheatsglutenfree.com) in Nashua. "Some turkeys are injected with a broth and the broth they use is not always gluten-free."

Brockway suggested buying local birds to avoid the unknowns associated with pre-packaged turkeys.

"Local turkeys are not processed in any way ... they're wonderful, wonderful meat," he said.

Gravy is almost always thickened with regular wheat flour, Brockway said. "Sometimes people use corn starch, but not even all corn starch is gluten-free," he added.

Stuffing is another holiday staple that is traditionally riddled with gluten. Brockway said his father has been using the

gluten-free Everyday Sandwich Bread from Buckwheat's in his "signature stuffing" for years and no one has ever noticed.

Oonagh Williams, owner of Royal Temptations Catering (royaltemptations.com) and Gluten Free Cooking with Oonagh, uses cornbread for her gluten-free stuffing and often makes it for her son.

"He's 25," she said. "He would be the first to tell me how disgusting something was."

"The criteria is, it has to taste as good as the real stuff," Williams said. "It can't taste identical because the flours are different."

Williams has developed a large collection of gluten-free recipes, both savory and sweet. When she got her power back after the October snowstorm, the first thing she did was throw a batch of pecan pie bars, made with a shortbread-like base, in the oven. She also made a batch of gluten-free almond biscotti.

"You can do a good gluten-free meal; you just need good recipes to start with and you need to read the labels," Williams said.

Williams opts to use almond flour for her gluten-free baking rather than potato-based starches, cornstarch, tapioca starch or white rice flour as it has the most nutritional value.

"One problem being on a gluten-free diet is getting the right nutrition ... I like to use almond flour because it gives back some protein and has good, healthy fats," she said. The flavor of almond flour is very neutral compared to that of other nuts, and as almonds are white after they are peeled they are almost hidden when used for baking, Williams said.

Williams said one big challenge faced by the celiac community is that many people

## Gluten-free recipes for the holidays

submitted by Oonagh Williams

### Pumpkin bread

#### Ingredients

- 1 can (15 oz.) solid-pack pumpkin, not pie filling
- 2½ cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 extra-large eggs or 5 large eggs
- 2/3 cup water
- 2 teaspoons gluten-free vanilla extract
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground allspice
- grated fresh nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cardamom
- 2½ cup gluten-free flour mix
- 1 cup almond meal
- 1 teaspoon xanthan gum
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons gluten-free baking powder
- pinch of salt
- 1/3 cup Craisins (dried cranberries)
- 1/3 cup golden or ordinary raisins
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans or other nuts

#### Instructions

Put pumpkin, oil, sugar, eggs, water and vanilla in large mixing bowl and beat well

for 2 minutes until air bubbles are visible. Stir all dry ingredients together, then beat in dry ingredients. Stir in fruit and nuts. Pour mixture into two well-greased 9" x 5" loaf pans, or 12 mini bundt tins. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour and 15 minutes for a loaf, or 20 to 30 minutes for mini bundts. The cake should be well risen, dark brown because of spices, firm at edges and pulling away from sides. Remove from oven, leave to cool for 10 minutes, then turn the cake out onto cooling rack and allow to cool completely. If the cake still feels sticky on the side nearest to the bottom of the pan, put it back in oven for about 10 more minutes. Serve with cream cheese or top with a cream cheese frosting.

### Cream cheese frosting

- 1 stick of butter, softened, unsalted if you have it
  - 4 oz. cream cheese at room temperature
  - 1½ cups powdered sugar
  - 1 teaspoon gluten-free vanilla extract
  - 1 to 2 Tablespoons cream
- Beat all ingredients together until desired consistency. Add more or less sugar and



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do not believe that their gluten sensitivity is an actual problem.

"People don't believe it really exists," she said. Another challenge, she noted, is finding gluten-free baked products that actually taste good.

"There is gluten-free stuff for sale in the store, but far too much of it is disgusting," Williams said. "There is getting to be plenty of choices out there but it's not to say they're good ... they still don't compare to home-baked [gluten-free products]."

"Unfortunately too many people don't have a recipe with wheat that they can adapt to be gluten-free," she said.

To avoid some of the costs associated with gluten-free baked goods is easy, Williams said.

"You have to learn how to do some baking," she said. "If you look at anything stores sell that is gluten-free, the prices are through the roof. But you can bake gluten-free easily."

Bags of gluten-free bagels, she said, can often cost up to \$1 per bagel, and a pound of gluten-free flour can sell for three times as much as a pound of traditional white flour.

"Yes, it's more expensive when you're using a half pound of flour ... but there is only a \$1 difference in making a 10-inch [gluten-free] bundt cake when all of the other ingredients are the same," she said. "It's not a huge difference in cost when you're making it yourself, but if you're buying, it is."

Brockway said he usually sees an increase in orders at his gluten-free bakery during the holidays but that most people wait until the very last minute — some even try to call in an order the day before the holiday.

"Sometimes we do have some extra products, but buying gluten-free is something to think about and plan ahead for a



Oonagh Williams' gluten-free cornbread stuffing served in acorn squash. Courtesy photo.

little bit," Brockway said.

For out-of-town guests, Brockway suggests stocking up on gluten-free burger rolls as they can be used for sandwiches (including breakfast sandwiches), toast and, of course, burgers. Gluten-free pizza crusts are also good to have on hand and cook pretty quickly, Brockway said.

"One thing that is challenging for me is that I always enjoy eating the food other people make," Brockway said. "People put a lot of love in their food, and I have to ask 20 questions to find out about the ingredients. It can seem like I'm questioning them or their judgment, but it's all about finding what is safe for us to eat."

cream to your preferred taste. If you used softened butter then it will spread easily, but it will need to be refrigerated in order to use a piping bag and decorative pipe.

### Sausage and Cornbread Stuffing

#### Ingredients

- 1 large onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 Tablespoons unsalted butter or olive oil
- 4-6 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 Granny Smith or Gala apples, peeled, cored and finely chopped to the size of shredded cheese
- 6 slices gluten-free center-cut bacon (Williams suggests Oscar Meyer) scissored into thin pieces
- 12-oz packet Jones sausage meat, thawed (for variety try hot or sweet Italian)
- 4 cornbread muffins or roughly 1 lb. total weight.
- 1 teaspoon dried sage, crumbled (known as rubbed), or 1 Tablespoon fresh sage
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- ½ cup apple juice or chicken stock — optional
- ½ cup Craisins — optional
- ½ c chopped pecans — optional
- salt and pepper — optional

#### Instructions

Gently cook onion, butter, garlic, bacon and apples in a nonstick saucepan until bacon is giving up its fat and the onions and apples are nice and soft. This will take 5-10 minutes.

Add sausage meat, breaking it up with the back of a spoon as you cook the sausage meat. Crumble in the corn muffins and add sage, thyme and parsley, Craisins and pecans. Grind in fresh pepper and add apple juice or stock for additional moisture. Pour into greased 8" x 8" brownie pan or baking dish. Cover with foil and bake in center of 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Remove the foil after 30 minutes to allow the top to crisp up.

The stuffing can be used to stuff a turkey or be spooned into greased muffin cups and baked for individual servings.

#### Gluten-free flour blend

- ½ cup potato starch
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- Mix all flours in a food processor.

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# Mmmmmmmerry Christmas

Cook, or just eat, holiday-style

By Angel Roy  
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Celebrate the holidays this year by having tea, learning to cook a Christmas feast of your own or sharing breakfast with Santa. With nearly a dozen foodie events being held this season in Granite State, you are bound to be filled with holiday spirit, and a lot of cookies.

- Kellerhaus, 259 Endicott St. North, Weirs Beach, 366-4466, kellerhaus.com, will host **Cookies and Milk with Santa** on Fri., Nov. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Children will also receive a free gift from Santa's Elves.

- Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com, will host a **Mother and Daughter Tea** on Saturday, Dec. 3, Saturday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. The tea will be held in the Overlook Dining Room and will feature loose-leaf teas, finger foods and a holiday performance by a pianist. The cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required.

- A **Gingerbread Contest** will be held at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson. Houses must be completely decorated with edible materials and cannot be more than 24"x24." Drop-off hours are Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.

to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A prize ceremony will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

- Have breakfast with **Santa Claus** on Sat., Dec. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Applebees, 581 Second St. in Manchester. Admission is \$5.00 for pancakes, juice, or milk. Proceeds benefit N-Step Dance Center's Competition Team Nationals trip. Contact N-Step Parent Council at nsteppe@gmail.com. Tickets also available at the door.

- A **Cookie Shop** will be part of this year's Christmas fair at the Church of Our Saviour, 10 Amherst St., Milford, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fair goers will be able to purchase homemade holiday cookies by the pound at the shop. A country store will be set up at the fair and will feature chocolates, Cabot cheeses and homemade breads and preserves, and the Church of Our Saviour Cookbook will be available for purchase. Crafts will also be sold at the event, at which children will be invited to decorate their own gingerbread cookies and houses.

- What do you suppose Santa likes on his pancakes? Find out at the **Santa Breakfast** at Applebee's, 581 Second St., Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The breakfast

will cost \$5 and feature all-you-can-eat pancakes, coffee, juice and milk. Santa will be able for photos during the meal. Proceeds benefit the N-Step Dance Center competition team. Contact nsteppe@gmail.com to order tickets.

- The Riverside Christian Church, 27 Depot St., Merrimack, will hold its annual **Ladies' Christmas Tea** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 3 p.m. Appetizers, sandwiches, desserts and tea will be served. The event costs \$10 (\$5 for children under 12). Call 424-1711 or e-mail jacquibateson@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

- The Concord Cooperative Market, 24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfood-coop.coop, will hold its **12 Bites of Christmas** event on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will feature a dozen different holiday appetizers including baked brie, marinated artichoke hearts, stuffed grape leaves, poached pears with blue cheese, prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, crab cakes, smoked salmon corn cakes, mini Beef Wellingtons and sliders. Samples of white chocolate and raspberry mousse martinis will also be doled out. Tickets cost \$15.

- Liz Barbour, of The Creative Feast, will offer a **Catering Your Holiday Party** cooking

class at Granite State Cabinetry, 384 Route 101, Bedford, on Friday, Dec. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. The class will feature a four-course cooking demonstration (Barbour plans to make Quick Party Canapés, No-Fuss Oven-Roasted Polenta with Tomato Jam, Easy Cornish Game Hens with Pomegranate Sauce and Crepe Suzette) and wine tasting. Barbour will also share secrets to successful catering. The class costs \$70. Reserve your spot at thecreativefeast.com.

- The annual **Cookies & Snow Celebration** will be held at the town square in Waterville Valley on Saturday, Dec. 10. With the purchase of a "Cookie Coupon Book" from one of the square's restaurants and shops, revelers will be able to sample cookies from all participating businesses and vote for their favorite. Candy Cottage workshops, Santa visits, coffee tastings and an artisan fair will be held throughout the day, and free ice skating will be offered at the ice arena from 1 to 2 p.m.

- The Amherst Area Newcomers' Club will host **Breakfast with Santa** at Amherst Congregational Church, 11 Church St., Amherst, on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m.

- Get some pancakes with the big guy himself at **Breakfast with Santa**, hosted by the Friends of the Chester Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Chester Municipal Center, 84 Chester St., Chester. Admission is \$5 per person with a max charge of \$20 per immediate family. Take photos with Santa and enjoy pancakes, crafts, games, holiday stories and raffles. Proceeds benefit Chester Public Library. Call 887-3404.

- Chez Boucher, 32 Depot Square, Hampton, 926-2202, will host two **holiday cooking classes**: Holiday Desserts cooking class on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Holiday Hors d'oeuvres classes on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 17. All classes will run from 10 to 2 p.m. and cost \$75 each. Reserve your spot at chezboucher.com.

- The Country Inns in the White Mountains will hold their 15th annual **Inn to Inn Holiday Cookie and Candy Tour** on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11. Each of the 12 inns participating in the self-guided tour (Darby Field Inn in Albany, Riverbend Inn and Brass Heart Inn in Chocorua, Inn at Crystal Lake and Pub in Eaton, Covered Bridge House in Glen, Notchland Inn in Hart's Location, Glen Oaks Inn in Intervale, Inn at Ellis River in Jackson and 1785 Inn & Restaurant; Eastman Inn, Old Red Inn & Cottages and Wildflowers Inn in North Conway) will give out original holiday cookies and candy and recipes for both sweet and savory holiday treats. Grammy Gordon's Bakery and White Mountain Café will also take part in this year's tour. Tour goers who visit all 12 inns will receive a keepsake brass snowflake ornament. Tickets for the tour cost \$27 and can be purchased from Dec. 1 through Dec. 6, at 356-2642. Each inn will also offer package specials during the tour weekend. Visit countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com.

- The Concord Cooperative Market, 24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfood-coop.coop, will host its annual **Old-Fashioned Cookie Swap** on Monday, Dec. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Guests are asked to bring 24 homemade cookies to share. The swap is free and open to the public.





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# Folk, comedy fill the season

Pop shows bring holiday tunes, dance and laughs

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It's not all *Nutcracker*. Plenty of this year's events will have you grooving or laughing.

• Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry, will host **Churchagogue Comedy Night** on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. The show will feature comedians Josh Gondelman and Steve Bjork. Tickets cost \$25 at etzhayim.org, at the door or by calling 432-0004.

• Rock My Soul, a 20-member choir specializing in roots-based gospel, will perform a **Rockin' Gospel Holiday Concert** at South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant St., Concord, on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Tickets cost \$12 in advance at rootsgospel.org or by calling 207-450-8016, or \$15 at the door (\$10 for seniors, free for children 12 and younger).

• A **Children's Auction Rockin' Holiday Bash** will be held in the ballroom of the Lake Opechee Inn and Spa, 68 Doris Ray Court, Laconia, on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. The 1980s themed bash will feature a performance by the Eric Grant Band and food from O Steaks and Seafood. A limo will provide shuttle service from the parking lots of the Inn. Tickets cost \$50 at meadowbrook.net, wlnh.com and O Steaks and Seafood in Laconia. All proceeds benefit the WLNH Children's Auction.

• The fourth annual **Santa Fund Benefit** will be held at Martha's Exchange Brewery, 185 Main St., Nashua, on Friday, Dec. 2, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. The event will feature a performance by the NOYB Band. Tickets cost \$15 at beatkeeper101@aol.com or by calling 508-1044.

• Grammy Award winner **Ed Gerhard**, of New Hampshire, will perform his annual Christmas Guitar Concert at The Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St., Laconia, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$22 at the door, or \$20 in advance at edgerhard.com, Greenlaw's Music in Laconia, the League of NH Craftsmen in Meredith or by calling 664-7200.

• Eight singing Canadian siblings will present a **Leahy Family Christmas** at The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 and \$38 at www.themusic hall.org or by calling 436-2400.

• **Dan Hicks and The Hot Licks** will perform Holiday in Hicksville for the first time on the East Coast at the Meehan Performing Arts Center, 100 Academy Way, Stratham, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. The San Francisco-based group recently released its *Crazy for Christmas* album, a collection of "holiday" classics. Tickets cost \$32 at heptunesconcerts.com, Exeter Music in Exeter, Ganesh Imports in Portsmouth and all Bull Moose Music locations.

• Enjoy Hawaiian and local crafts, as well as storytelling, song and dance at the **Christmas 'Ohana (Family) Festival**, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Prescott Ballroom at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market St., Portsmouth. There will be raffles to benefit global disaster relief through the Red Cross. Tickets cost \$7 (\$5 for kids 6 to 15, free kids 6 and younger). Call 264-9437.

• Electric rock guitarist **Gary Hoey** (you may have heard his rockin' instrumental versions of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and other Christmas tunes on the radio) will take the stage at Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass., for his all-ages "Home for the Holidays" show on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. The show will feature special guests Lita Ford and Farren Butcher Inc. Tickets cost \$28.75 at lowellauditorium.com or by calling 978-454-2299.

• It is time to celebrate the **Up from the Underground Art Experience holiday style**. The art event and movie showing will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Wilton Town Hall Theatre, 40 Main St., Wilton. The event will showcase the works of several artists, live music from Clinton Degan, a living sculpture performance by Kirst Callahan and a showing of Rick Dumont's film *The Bond*. There will be holiday music to get people in the mood to buy local art. Proceeds will benefit Bridges Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Group of the Souhegan Valley and the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire. A \$10 donation is suggested. Call 731-8163 or e-mail sweatyturtle@gmail.com.

• The Friends of the Bedford Library will host their annual **Wassail Party** at the library, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. The Bel Airs will perform a holiday-themed doo-wop and oldies music show. Refreshments will be provided.

• The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, will host the ninth annual **Christmas Celtic Soujourn with Brian O'Donovan** on Friday, Dec. 10, at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 to \$75 at the box office, wgbh.org/celtic, or by calling 436-2400.

• Queen City Ballroom will host its **Holiday Dance Party and Showcase** in the Armory Room of the Radisson hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester, on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. The dance will be semi-formal and beginners, singles and couples are welcome. A DJ will play music of all genres and the Queen City Ballroom team will perform at the event, which will also feature a cash bar and door prizes. Tickets cost \$16 until Dec. 10 at the studio (21 Dow St., Manchester) or by calling 622-1500. Tickets will cost \$20 at the door.

• The **Buzz Ball** will be held at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, on Wed., Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. The event will feature the hosts of *Greg and the Morning Buzz* and a performance by the Velvet Elves, a 12-piece rock & roll orchestra. Tickets cost \$30 and \$40 at palacetheatre.org or by calling 668-5588.

• **Ed Gerhard** will perform his annual Christmas guitar concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, on Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17. Both shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 at the door or \$25 in advance at www.virtuerecords.com, Lovell Designs in Portsmouth, Exeter Music in Exeter, and Ear Craft Music in Dover or by calling 664-7200.

• **Recycled Percussion** will perform at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, on Friday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$29 at palacetheatre.org or by calling 668-5588.



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• Live Free or Die Laughing will host its **New Year's Eve Bash** at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel, 250 Market St., Portsmouth, on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature hors d'oeuvres and a buffet dinner before

a performance by comics Kelly MacFarland, Kyle Crawford, Steve Scarfo and Mike Koutrobis. Dancing and a midnight champagne toast will end the evening. Tickets cost \$75 (\$60 until Dec. 5) at [livefreeordielLaughing.com](http://livefreeordielLaughing.com).

## After the snowman melts

Where can you take the kids?

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There is perhaps nobody as excited as the children during the holidays. Here are some events that can channel their excitement and make the fun last all month.

On Black Friday, Nov. 25, **Santa** will be at Gibson's Bookstore at 27 S. Main St. in Concord, 224-0562, to greet visitors starting at 2:30 p.m.

It's not quite the North Pole, but you can get to the northern tip of New Hampshire on the new **Santa Train Rides** on the Mount Washington Cog Railway. Rides will be offered Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4. The round-trip ride up Mt. Washington will climb halfway to the summit, elevation 4100'. Santa will hand out gifts to kids and he'll pose for photos at the top. The ride costs \$33 for adults and \$28 for kids. Rides leave at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Advance ticket purchase is recommended and available at [www.TheCog.com](http://www.TheCog.com) or by calling 278-5404.

Santa needs to eat hearty in advance of his big night, so the Friends of the Chester Public Library are planning a **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$5 per person (free for kids up to age 1), maximum \$20 for immediate families, and that includes a free family photo with Santa (additional photos are available for \$2 each). There will be pancakes plus crafts, games, holiday stories and raffles. This event will be held at the Chester Municipal Center, 84 Chester St. (Route 121); call the library at 887-3404.

Get jolly at **Santa's Big Party** at Charming-fare Farm at 774 High St. in Candia. There's a 30-minute horse-drawn ride to the party itself, where you'll find holiday performances with a variety of costumed characters, plus hot chocolate and sugared cookies. The reindeer will be hanging out, and Santa himself will be working as the DJ. The party will be held every weekend from Saturday, Nov. 26, to Sunday, Dec. 18. Admission is \$17. Go to [www.visitthefarm.com](http://www.visitthefarm.com).

Little-leaguers will benefit from purchases of trees and other items at the **Manchester East Little League Christmas Tree Sale**. Christmas trees (6' to 9' tall), 12" holiday wreaths, decorative kissing balls, homemade baked goods and Little League sweatshirts will be for sale at Brian West Field at 313 Tarrytown Road in Manchester on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Santa and New Hampshire Fisher Cats mascot Fungo will be posing for photographs and autographs on Saturday, Dec. 3. All proceeds benefit the league. For info, e-mail [fundraising@manchestereastll.org](mailto:fundraising@manchestereastll.org).

Learn about how people around the world celebrate the holidays at **Holidays Around the World**, in the Winchell Room at Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kids in grades 1 through 6 can learn about the holiday traditions and customs of several different countries through crafts

and foods. Call 624-6550 ext. 335.

The Nashua Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, will be holding a **Holiday Story Time & Craft** on Thursdays, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. Children ages 2 through 10 are invited to join the event and enjoy holiday stories, a craft and a puppet show. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/nplkidwww](http://www.tinyurl.com/nplkidwww). [tinyurl.com/nplkid](http://tinyurl.com/nplkid). Call 589-4610 or visit [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org).

St. Joseph Hospital holds its **Deck the Halls** event on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hospital Atrium, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Participants can take photos of the decorated atrium with Santa, enjoy music by Steve Blunt, and get a chance to win a giant teddy bear. Light refreshments will be served, and each child in attendance will take home a book. Call 595-3168 or visit [www.stjosephhospital.com](http://www.stjosephhospital.com).

In Exeter, Maine author Toni Buzzeeo will visit Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. to read and sign copies of her picture book **Lighthouse Christmas** (illustrated by Nancy Carpenter).

The Barnes & Noble bookstores in Manchester (1741 S. Willow St., 668-5557), Salem (125 S. Broadway, 898-1930) and Nashua (235 DW Highway, 888-0533) are scheduled to host their free annual **Polar Express party** on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., with cookies, hot chocolate and a special reading of the beloved Chris Van Allsburg story.

Preschoolers can help birds and other small animals through the winter season by creating **Winter Wild Treats** — natural garlands and edible decorations to hang outside — at the Amoskeag Fishways at 6 Fletcher St., Manchester, on Wed., Dec. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 per family, and advance registration with payment is required. Call 626-3474 or visit [www.amoskeagfishways.org](http://www.amoskeagfishways.org).

Retired Raytheon chemist and current math and science tutor Richard Willoughby will present his research on **The Mystery of the Star of Bethlehem** at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive, Concord, on Friday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. Willoughby has researched historical and biblical evidence about the star's appearance, and he will present his discoveries at this Super Stellar Friday event for ages 8 through adult. Call 271-7827 or visit [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com) for admission prices and more information.

Prescott Farm, 928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, is holding a **WildQuest Holiday Camp** from Tuesday, Dec. 27, through Friday, Dec. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids in grades K-7 will learn to make shelter, find food and stay warm in the winter. The kids will go on snowshoe hikes, go sledding, and explore the outdoors. The camp costs \$45 per day or \$180 for the week. To register, visit [www.prescottconservancy.org](http://www.prescottconservancy.org) or call 366-5720.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, [www.childrens-museum.org](http://www.childrens-museum.org)) will hold a **Family New Year's Celebration** on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ring in the New Year with



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family and friends of all ages. Create festive party hats, write wishes for the new year on flying blimps, and join in raucous countdowns to "midnight" at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.,

## Merry XMisc

A grab-bag of activities that don't fit the mold

By Kelly Sennott  
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These events aren't exactly misfits, but they're a bit off the groomed sleigh path. Sometimes you want to get away from the big city to a small-town seasonal scene, or just get in touch with the quirky side of Christmas.

The **Craftworkers' Guild Holiday Craft Shop** will take place Friday, Nov. 25, through Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Kendall House in Bedford. The shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day this season. The Kendall House is behind the Bedford Public Library at 5 Meetinghouse Road. Admission is free and free parking is available. Visit [www.thecraftworkersguild.org](http://www.thecraftworkersguild.org) or contact [craftworkersguild@gmail.com](mailto:craftworkersguild@gmail.com).

Stretch, relax and meditate at a **Post-Thanksgiving Law of Attraction Class**, which will be held Friday, Nov. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Yoga Center, 28 South Main St. in Concord, 226-0680, [www.nhyogacenter.com](http://www.nhyogacenter.com). Admission is \$19 in advance, \$25 at the door.

The third annual **Southern New Hampshire Festival of Trees** will begin on Friday, Nov. 25, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Pelham Town Hall, 6 Village Green, Pelham. The festivities continue on Saturday, Nov. 26, from noon to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 27, from noon to 5 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 28, through Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$5 for those over age 12 (seniors get in free on Monday). Enter a raffle — 25 tickets for \$5 — to win a tree, wreath, mini-tree or gingerbread house. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit on Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 26 & 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., and there will be pony rides on the weekend, plus musical performances at various times. Visit [www.snhfestivaloftrees.com](http://www.snhfestivaloftrees.com).

Worried about your belly getting a little too jolly this season? A **class on eating healthy** will meet Mondays, Nov. 28 through Dec. 19, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Health Promotion, 49 South Main St., Suite 200, Concord. Class provides support and techniques to enjoy the season without having to start over in January.

complete with glittering ball drop, ginger ale toast and noisemakers. The museum's website says crowds typically range from 800 to 1,200 at this event.

Cost is \$29. Call the Center for Health Promotion at 230-7300.

The **Lakes Region Holiday Craft Fair** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Opeechee Conference Center, 62 Doris Ray Court, Laconia. The fair will feature 80 exhibitors, music by Tim Janis & Sergei Novikov and raffles. Free admission. Call 528-4014 or visit [www.joycecraftshos.com](http://www.joycecraftshos.com).

The **"Fez"tival of Trees** will be held again this year in Concord, at the Bektash Shrine Center at 189 Pembroke Road, showcasing fully decorated artificial trees lighted for viewing. Refreshments, silent auctions, a gift shop, and visits from Santa will all be part of this event, which is happening now and runs through Sunday, Nov. 27 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for children 12 and younger. Call 225-5372 or visit [www.bektashsimers.org](http://www.bektashsimers.org) for hours.

Get the milk and cookies ready: **Santa Arrives by Dog Team** on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 3:30 p.m. at the Town Square in Waterville Valley. Visits with Santa and elves will then commence inside the Nordic Center. Parents are welcome to take photos of their children with Santa. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per child or \$10 per family; proceeds are donated to the Whole Village Family Resource Center. See [www.waterville.com](http://www.waterville.com).

The Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, [bedfordvillageinn.com](http://bedfordvillageinn.com), will be holding a **Holiday Shopping Stroll** featuring 25 New Hampshire crafts people, specialty stores and holiday floral designers. The event will take place in the Great Hall on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The stroll is free and open to the public.

It's not the biggest town in the area, but thousands — including Santa himself — are expected to attend Salem's annual **Holiday Parade** on Sunday, Nov. 27, starting at 1 p.m. It begins on North Policy Street and travels a 1½-mile route down Main Street to Salem High School.

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There's one night of adults-only shopping and then a day of all-ages fun at the **Pine Hill Waldorf School Holiday Fair**. Friday, Dec. 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. is the grown-up shopping, featuring the wares of juried New England artisans, refreshments from the café, and live music. On Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be children's crafts, storytelling, puppet shows, circus performances and treats. The school is at 77 Pine Hill Drive in Wilton. Admission is free. Call 654-6003 or visit [www.pinehill.org](http://www.pinehill.org).

Get ready for a **Starry, Starry Weekend**, which will take place Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The family event in Contoocook and Hopkinton will include a village tree lighting, holiday shopping, Christmas tree sales, gift boutiques, arts and crafts, and more. Details on the various locations and events of the weekend can be found at [www.starrystarryweekend.blogspot.com](http://www.starrystarryweekend.blogspot.com).

On Saturday, Dec. 3, Milford will hold its **Jingle Downtown Holiday Stroll**. Free shuttle buses will transport you from fair to fair at area churches and community centers. Check out the Milford Indoor Farmer's Market at the Town Hall, the Garden Party Floral Boutique on Middle Street, Project Shakespeare at The Town Hall Auditorium and the tree lighting at 6 p.m. Visit [www.milforddoit.org](http://www.milforddoit.org) or call 249-0676 for a complete schedule of events.

Don't miss out on the **2011 Holly Berry Fair**, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 10 Union St., Milford. The fair will feature a cookie walk and holiday greens. Lunch will also be served at snack bar. Call 673-3713

Get ready for the **Annual St. Nicholas Fair at the Grace Episcopal Church**, 30 Eastman St., on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This fair will feature holiday gifts, pies, cakes, sweets, jewelry, food, and even gifts for your cat or dog. A portion of proceeds will support Concord Homeless Resource Center. Call 224-2252 or visit [www.concordgracechurch.org](http://www.concordgracechurch.org).

Get some photos with the jolly man in the red suit at Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road in Hudson. The **pictures with Santa** will be offered Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The **New Castle Village Christmas Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New Castle Recreational Building, 301 Wentworth Road, New Castle, will include a visit from Santa. Morning coffee with homemade baked goods will be for sale, and lobster rolls and fish chowder will be available at lunch. Call 436-1776.

Take in some holiday cheer at the **Greenland Christmas Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenland Parish House of Greenland Community Congregational Church on 2 Post Road in Greenland Center. Admission is free and the fair will feature two

floors of merchandise and activities including a cookie walk, handcrafted items, locally made products, a visit from Santa and a silent auction. Merchandise will include tables of jewelry, gourmet food, and a "Nearly New" room with exceptional bargains. Contact the church at 436-8336 or visit [www.community-churchofgreenland.org](http://www.community-churchofgreenland.org).

The **Snowflake Fair** will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Longmeadow Church, 4 Wilsons Crossing Road, Auburn. Enjoy pictures with Santa, a cookie walk, a bake table, a candy table, a silent auction, crafts, wreaths and more. Food will be available, including traditional homemade chili and corn chowder. Call 483-2907.

Get in the holiday spirit at the **Craft Fair** hosted by Milford Music Boosters Association at Jacques School, 7 Elm St., Milford, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the uniform fund for the Milford High School marching band. The fair will feature local vendors, a kids' shopping room, a cake walk, free child care, face painting, raffles, and a baked goods table. There is no admission charge.

Don't miss the **Christmas Craft Fair** at the Crowne Plaza Nashua Hotel, 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will feature 70 exhibitors and music of Tim Janis and Sergei Novikov. Adult admission is \$2.50. There is a senior discount, and children under 14 get in free.

**Deck the Halls** at the St. Joseph Hospital event on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the St. Joseph Hospital Atrium, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Participants can take photos of the decorated atrium and with Santa, enjoy music by Steve Blunt, and get a chance to win a giant teddy bear. Each child in attendance will take home a book. Call 595-3168 or visit [www.stjosephhospital.com](http://www.stjosephhospital.com).

Visitors can enjoy vintage holiday entertainment from "the days of yore" at **Christmas at Canterbury**, Saturdays, Dec. 3 & 10, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Canterbury Shaker Village, [www.shakers.org](http://www.shakers.org). The Village will be lit up and decorated for the season. Enjoy a candlelight stroll or take a horse-drawn sleigh or wagon ride through the Village. Stop in the decorated historic buildings to enjoy entertainment including live musical performances by popular groups, a 19th-century magic show, characters in period costumes, a Gingerbread Spectacular with a treasure hunt, craft demonstrations and hands-on activities for the family. Admission is \$17 (\$8 for ages 6-18, free for children 5 and younger); \$42 family rate for adults and three children.

Shop for presents and Christmas decorations at the **Greens Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord, 274 Pleasant St., Concord, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be decorated Balsam wreaths, poinsettias, raffle baskets, holiday "rummage," artisan work and a bake sale. Call 224-0291.

The Friends of the Nashua Symphony will hold a **Holiday House Tour** on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Nashua. During this annual event, people will be able to visit and enjoy the fine holiday decorations within some of Nashua's best homes. This is the first year the tour has included two homes in Hollis. Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Proceeds support the sympho-



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Check out the **Annual Holiday Open House at the New Hampshire Antique Co-op**, 323 Elm St., Milford, on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The decorated shop will include a Mrs. Claus North Pole Kitchen, a Santa letter-writing station and a number of holiday decorations and holiday goodies to buy at the shop. Call 673-8499.

More than 100 artisans from New England will be showing and selling their work at the **Hudson Junior Woman's Club Craft Fair** at Memorial School, 1 Memorial Drive, Hudson, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include lunch and a penny raffle. Admission is free. Call 594-0332 or e-mail [debbieandjeff1@comcast.net](mailto:debbieandjeff1@comcast.net).

Your pet can tell Santa what he'd like in person when **Santa Pet Photos** are taken at The Barking Dog (200 Rockingham Road, Derry; 208 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett) on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost

is \$5 and proceeds benefit the Greater Derry Humane Society. Call 434-1512 or visit [www.derryhumanesociety.com](http://www.derryhumanesociety.com).

Merrimack will hold its **Holiday Parade and Tree-Light Ceremony** on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. The parade will begin at Commons Shopping Plaza and finish at Abbie Griffin Park, where Santa and Mrs. Claus will meet with the children. The Tree-Lighting Ceremony will begin after the parade in Abbie Griffin Park.

Celebrate veterans at a **Holiday Party** held by the Mortgage Bankers and Brokers Association of New Hampshire on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Manchester Country Club, 180 South River Road, Bedford. Admission costs \$30, and proceeds will go towards Liberty House, Inc., a non profit dedicated to helping homeless veterans. Bring used or new winter jackets, sweatshirts and winter boots. Donations will be collected and delivered to Liberty House after the party. Visit [www.mbba-nh.org](http://www.mbba-nh.org) or call 225-6111.

## Hands-on holidays

For when you feel the need *do something* (besides shop)

By Kelly Sennott  
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It's the most wonderful time of the year, but sometimes it feels like the most stressful time of the year! Here are some activities that can help you get your projects done, your gifts given, and your stress relieved.

Don't buy those pricey cards at Hallmark; make your own! The Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road in Hudson, will hold a free **card-making workshop** on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Learn card-making techniques such as pop-ups, stamping, glitter and applique. Pre-registration is required, so call 886-6030 or register online at [www.rodgerslibrary.org](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org) under upcoming events.

Learn how to carve wooden masterpieces at the **Woodworking for the Holidays** workshop at the Hooksett Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 6:30 p.m. Presenter Stephen Carey will discuss woodworking projects for the holidays. Woodworkers, hobbyists and all interested are invited. The library is at 31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett. Call 886-6030 or look under "upcoming events" at [www.rodgerslibrary.org](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org).

Make your own wreath from materials from the great outdoors! The **Greens Gathering Hike & Wreath Making workshop** at Brown Lane Barn, 52 Brown Lane, Hollis, will take place Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. this year. The hike will begin at the Brown Lane Barn, where guests will gather evergreens and winter berries to use in their wreaths. Return to the barn and enjoy warm beverages and holiday music while you assemble your wreaths. The cost is \$25. Call 465-7787 to register or visit [www.beaverbrook.org](http://www.beaverbrook.org).

Bond with the fam and create some lively holiday décor at the **Family Wreath-Making and Natural Creations Workshop**, which will be held at Amoskeag Fishways, 6 Fletcher St., Manchester on Friday, Dec. 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. Use all-natural materials to make fragrant, long-lasting wreaths and other decorations. Cost is \$15 per wreath. Advanced registration with payment is required. Call 626-3474 or visit [www.amoskeagfishways.org](http://www.amoskeagfishways.org).

On a tight budget this holiday season? Make your own ornaments and gifts out of paper at the **Holiday Origami Workshop** at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St.) on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. Karen Beaver, who teaches craft classes at many venues and works in the library's Music/Art/Media Department, will share her skills at a two-hour origami workshop. The class is open to adults and teens 14 and up. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/nplcraft](http://www.tinyurl.com/nplcraft). Admission is free. Call 589-4610.

Around Christmas time, crafters make ornaments with paint, garland, glass and ... wax. Observe Walker Boyle in the **Making of the 2011 Annual Ornament**, which will take place Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Meredith Retail Gallery, 279 DW Highway, Meredith. Boyle will demonstrate how he creates ornaments out of wax, and attendees can also pick up a 2011 League of New Hampshire Craftsmen ornament. Call 279-7920 or e-mail [nhcraft@metrocast.net](mailto:nhcraft@metrocast.net).

Impress friends and family with your crafty skills when they admire the table centerpiece you made at the **Christmas Centerpiece workshop**, which will be offered at Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson, on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Dec. 2. Call 886-6030 or visit [www.rodgerslibrary.org](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org) and register under "upcoming events." The only charge will be the cost of materials.

### Holiday blues

Sometimes not all is jolly around the holiday season. If you're feeling down, you'll appreciate the **Holiday Community Service of Remembrance & Comfort** on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Temple Adath Yeshurun at 152 Prospect St., Manchester. The annual Holiday Blues Grief Service aims to provide an opportunity for people dealing with loss to process their grief through readings, stories, lighting candles and through conversation. Call 627-2702 ext 113 or e-mail [dbr@pcs-nh.org](mailto:dbr@pcs-nh.org).

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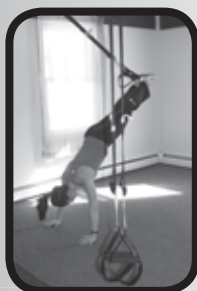
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EVENTS TO CHECK OUT NOVEMBER 24 - 30, 2011, AND BEYOND



## Friday, Nov. 25

Start your holiday season off with a classic — Southern NH Dance Theater will present *The Nutcracker* during six performances today through Sunday, Nov. 27, at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org). Performances will take place today at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 1 and 4:30 p.m. See [www.snhdt.org](http://www.snhdt.org) for details about the show.



## Thursday, Nov. 24

Feel guilt-free about eating that extra helping of stuffing or slice of pie. The Fisher Cats will hold a Thanksgiving Day 5K that starts and ends at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium today at 9 a.m. Runners, joggers and walkers (with strollers) are welcome, according to the website. Registration costs \$25 in advance, \$30 on the day of the race (\$10 for kids). Registration comes with one ticket to the Fisher Cats opening day in 2012. See [millenniumrun.com](http://millenniumrun.com) for registration information or [www.nhfishercats.com](http://www.nhfishercats.com). Looking for other runs on Thanksgiving? See page 16.



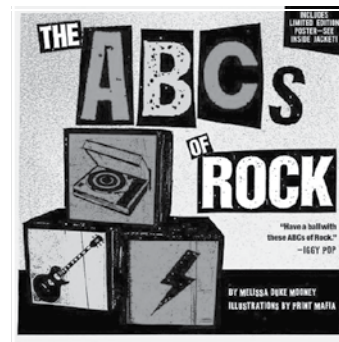
## Saturday, Nov. 26

Or get your holiday vibe going with a little music. The New Hampshire Philharmonic will hold its holiday pops concerts on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. The show will feature light classical works (including *The Nutcracker* and choral selections from Handel's *Messiah*) and the second half of the show will include Christmas pops songs, according to a press release. Choruses from Pinkerton Academy and Timberland Regional High School will participate in choral sections of the program, the release said. Tickets cost \$15 to \$50. Call 437-5210 or go to [www.nhphil.org](http://www.nhphil.org) for tickets.



## Sunday, Nov. 27

Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Episcopal Church of the Transformation will host "Churchagogue Comedy Night" tonight at 7 p.m. at Tupelo Hall, 2 Young Road in Londonderry. Comedians Josh Gondelman and Steve Bjork will perform "good, clean fun," according to a press release. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org), by phone at 432-0004 or at the door. See [www.joshgondelman.com](http://www.joshgondelman.com) and [www.stephenbjork.com](http://www.stephenbjork.com) for more on the performers.



## Monday, Nov. 28

Give the kids a little musical and art history today at 11:30 a.m. during "Storytime in the Gallery — ABC's of Rock" at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St. in Manchester, 669-6144, [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org). The event will include a reading of *ABC's of Rock*, a look at the exhibit "Backstage Pass: Rock & Roll Photograph" and an art-making project. The program is recommended for ages 3 to 5.

## Free: A calm start to your Thanksgiving

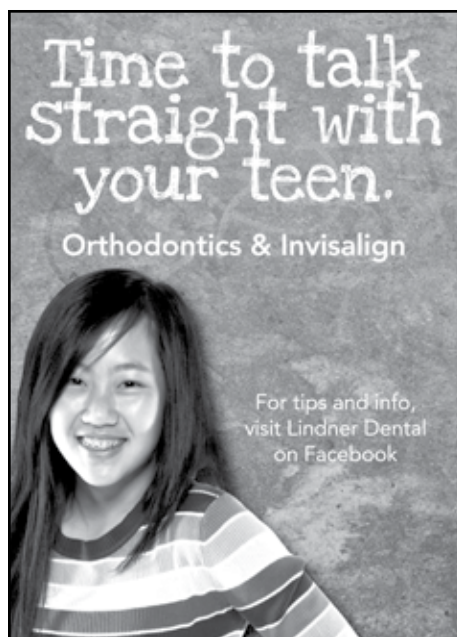
Riverflow Yoga, 198 Londonderry Turnpike in Hooksett, will hold a free 75-minute yoga class at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24. All levels (including newbies) are welcome. The event is a donation-raiser for New Horizons for New Hampshire. See [www.newhorizonsfornh.org/donate/wishlist.php](http://www.newhorizonsfornh.org/donate/wishlist.php) for New Horizons' donation wish list. Call 935-9822 or see [www.riverflowyoga.com](http://www.riverflowyoga.com).

## Cheap: A peek at Santa

If you've got some time to take a drive this weekend, head to Town Square in Waterville Valley on Saturday, Nov. 26, to see Santa Claus arrive by snowdog at 3:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., Santa will light the tree in town square, followed by fireworks, according to a press release. A donation of \$5 per child, or \$10 per family, will go to the Whole Village Family Resource Center. See [www.waterville.com](http://www.waterville.com).

## Splurge: Vaudeville fun

Take the family to Portsmouth for the Handsome Little Devils Present Squirm Burpee Circus, "a vaudeville circus comedy for the whole family" according to the press release, at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., on Friday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. The show is for all ages and mixes comedy with acts like chainsaw juggling, audience interaction and wacky gadgets, the release said. Tickets cost \$25 and \$35. Call 436-2400 or go to [www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org).



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# House-touring for the holidays

Symphony fundraiser lets you go inside unique homes

By Adam Coughlin  
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For the first time in its more than 25 years, the Friends of the Nashua Symphony Holiday House Tour will include two homes outside of Nashua.

Garry Henkel's home on Broad Street in Hollis, a stone's throw from Nashua, is a Renaissance man's heaven. Having spent his career in the machine tool industry, Henkel now has a basement that rivals Home Depot. It is stacked with wood, machines he said Norm Abrams wouldn't know how to use, and enough wrenches, drills, and pliers to fill the shelves of a local hardware store. Given his skill in cutting metal, the transition to working with wood was a natural one for Henkel. Throughout his home there are ornate pieces of homemade furniture including several harpsichords and a clavichord. His art collection has yet to be mentioned. He has more than 100 original oil prints, many from nationally recognized artist Monique Sakellarios.

His home is interesting enough and that is without the help of a local decorator and florist who will make it come to life with the holiday spirit. The holiday tour is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Nashua Symphony, which is its own organization but also helps

support the Nashua Symphony, according to Rosemary Johnson, president of Friends of the Nashua Symphony.

During the tours, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, visitors will be able to go through five homes — three in Nashua, two in Hollis and Langdon Place, which is the final stop — and see the interior decorating while enjoying musical performances. Henkel, who is a past president of the Symphony's board, will have tenors, sopranos and a pianist in his home.

"When you enter these homes you really absorb the holiday spirit," Johnson said. "I know myself, I'm kind of a Grinch. But when I walk through and then leave, I bring it with me. I get inspired and really decorate my own home. It alters your mood about the holidays."

The homes aren't just decorated for Christmas. Last year there was a Hanukkah home. Johnson said some visitors come out to support the Symphony, which Henkel described as the premiere performing arts organization in the state.

"The caliber of this symphony orchestra is phenomenal," Henkel said.

Johnson also said the holiday tour gives people a chance to see inside homes they've driven by many times and admired from afar.

The 30 or so members of the Friends try to find unique houses for the tour. Johnson said one of the homes on Crestwood Lane, which is one of the most prestigious addresses in Nashua, has a sprawling wine room in the basement. Another, on Parish Hill in Nashua, has a glass panel from a 1920s building and ficus trees in its living room.

The homes will be staffed by members of the Friends who will be in various rooms able to answer visitors' questions.

Johnson said that they've had close to 1,000 people come through the homes over the two days.

Henkel, who joked he was nervous because he would have to start dusting, said he was willing to open his home to some 1,000 visitors because the Friends support the Symphony Orchestra and he will do anything he can to support this beloved art form. Johnson said there is a faithful following who comes every year. She said if you load up a car full of your friends it can really be a fun afternoon. It is an afternoon that ends at Langdon Place, a retirement home in Nashua that allows them to use the facility for food, drinks and music.

Johnson said they opened up the tour to the Hollis homes because they were so beautiful and strategically close to the other Nashua homes. But it also indicates the Symphony



Inside a home from last year's tour. Courtesy photo.

Orchestra's inclusiveness and appeal, as people from all over the state flock to Nashua to see their diverse performances.

## Nashua Symphony Holiday House Tour 2011

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, noon to 4 p.m.

**Houses:** Garry Henkel, 102 Broad St., Hollis; Cheri and John Sweeney, 17 Shipley Drive, Hollis; Mike and Cece Krumine, 52 Parrish Hill Drive, Nashua; Gloria and Pete Henry, 3 Coleridge Road, Nashua; Don and Cathy McDonah, 6 Crestwood Lane, Nashua and Langdon Place (open 2-5 p.m.), 319 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua

**Tickets:** Cost \$20 (\$15 in advance)

**More info:** Visit [www.nashuasymphony.org](http://www.nashuasymphony.org)

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### CLASSICAL LISTINGS

- **HOLIDAY POPS!** NH Philharmonic will perform on Sat., Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton Way, Derry. Tickets cost \$15 to \$50. Call 668-5588 or visit [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org).
- **ALL THE RIVERS:** Songs about the Healing, Restorative Powers of Water. Two Rivers Community Choir will perform on Sun., Nov. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St., Peterborough. Admission is free, donations are accepted. Call 924-9527 or e-mail [keysofmb@gmail.com](mailto:keysofmb@gmail.com).
- **JAZZ COLLECTIVE** Performance will be held on Thurs., Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Southern New Hampshire University Dining Center Banquet Hall, 2500 North River Road, Manchester. The concert is free and open to the public. Visit [www.snhu.edu/music](http://www.snhu.edu/music).

### THEATER LISTINGS

- **The Acting Loft**  
670 North Commercial Street, Manchester in the Jefferson Mill Building. 666-5999, [actingloft.org](http://actingloft.org)
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Londonderry, [madco.org](http://madco.org)
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- **The Palace Theatre**  
80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)
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14 Court St., Nashua, 886-7000, [peacockplayers.org](http://peacockplayers.org)
- **Pittsfield Players**  
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- **FAITH HEALER** will be performed through Nov. 27 at the NH Theatre Project, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$24 (\$18 for seniors and students). Call 431-6644 or e-mail [info@nhtheatreproject.org](mailto:info@nhtheatreproject.org).
- **NOT ON THIS NIGHT** will be performed Nov. 25 through Dec. 4 at The Player's Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sun., Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 (\$12 for seniors and students). Call 436-8123 or visit [www.playersring.org](http://www.playersring.org).
- **SQUIRM BURPEE CIRCUS**  
Vaudeville Circus Comedy will be held on Fri., Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Tickets cost \$32 and \$25. Call 436-2400 or visit [www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org).
- **THE NUTCRACKER** Southern NH Dance Theater will perform on Fri., Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m., Sat., Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., 4 and 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Nov.

## On stage



### Ying in Manchester

The Ying Quartet, whose performances have been described by the New York Times as "riveting and uplifting," will perform on Thurs-

day, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. The quartet consists of Ayano Ninomiya and Janet Ying on violin; Phillip Ying on viola, and David Ying on cello. They have performed in major concert halls across the world, including the Sydney Opera House and Carnegie Hall. Tickets cost \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors). Call 641-7700 or visit [www.anselm.edu/dana](http://www.anselm.edu/dana). The Ying Quartet. Courtesy photo.

27, at 1 and 4:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. Tickets cost \$15 to \$45. Call 668-5588 or visit [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org).

- **THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (ABRIDGED)** will be performed Nov. 25 through Dec. 18 at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 132 Warren St., Lowell, Mass. Performances are at 2, 4, 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$42, \$48 and \$54. Visit [www.merrimackrep.org](http://www.merrimackrep.org) or call 978-654-4MRT.
- **THE NUTCRACKER** New England Dance Ensemble will perform on Sat., Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. at Windham High School, 64 London Bridge Road. Tickets cost \$20. Visit [www.nede.org](http://www.nede.org)
- or [www.tix.com](http://www.tix.com).
- **WINTER HOLIDAY STROLL** will be held on Sat., Nov. 26, 5-10 p.m. through downtown Nashua on Main Street. Visit [downtownnashua.org](http://downtownnashua.org).
- **GAY BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN** will be performed on Tues., Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. Visit [www.seacoastrep.org](http://www.seacoastrep.org) or call 433-4472.
- **EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD** will be performed on Thurs., Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. at Red River Theatres, 11 S. Main St., Concord. Tickets cost \$15. Call 224-4600 or visit [www.redrivertheatres.org](http://www.redrivertheatres.org).
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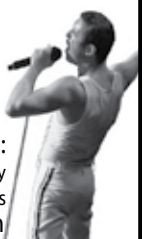
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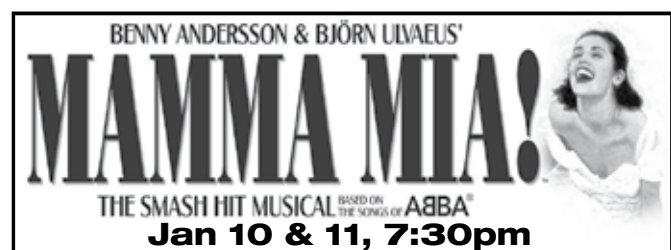
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• **Saving opera:** Any lover of the classical performing arts will say that children

need to be exposed to opera if it hopes to survive. The Manchester Community Music School is doing its part, in collaboration with the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. They will be offering a speaker to go with the Met Live HD series, which broadcasts live performance of the New York Metropolitan Opera. Speakers will talk at the school beginning with January's performance of *The Enchanted Island*. "We feel like we're a school that offers everything," said Manchester Community Music School CEO Jeanine Tousignant. "Opera is a big part of the musical landscape." The school's faculty will give lectures and history on each performance but will also give demonstrations of music from the show. The lectures are open to the public for a \$10 donation. On Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. the school, located at 2291 Elm St. in Manchester, will be hosting its annual Concerto Competition, which is open to any member of the New Hampshire Youth Ensemble and any pianist or vocalist studying privately at the school. All contestants must be juniors or younger. The winners will perform the solo with the NHYE Symphony Orchestra. "It is a lot of fun," Tousignant said. "The kids get dressed in beautiful concert clothes." The competition is open to the public and is adjudicated by three judges. Visit [www.mcmusicschool.org](http://www.mcmusicschool.org) or call 644-4548. —Adam Coughlin

**RUNAWAY BUNNY** will be performed on Thurs., Dec. 1, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. Call 433-3100 ext. 6013 or visit [www.themusic hall.org](http://www.themusic hall.org).  
 • **JOURNEYS** A dance recital will be held on Thurs., Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main St., New London. Tickets cost \$5. Call 526-3000 or visit [www.colby-sawyer.edu](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu).

## On stage



### NYC stars come to NH

A cast of 100 performers including guests from New York City's American Ballet Theater will light up the stage when the New England Dance Ensemble performs *The Nutcracker* Saturday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. at Windham High School, 64 London Bridge Road. While the performance will feature New York stars like Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya it will also showcase Londonderry's own Colleen Aherne, who will be the "Dew Drop Fairy." The legendary two-act ballet premiered in Russia in 1892. Tickets cost \$20. Visit [www.nede.org](http://www.nede.org) or [tix.com](http://tix.com). *The Nutcracker*. Courtesy photo.

### Auditions/open calls

• **MAJESTIC THEATRE AUDITIONS** for *Murderous Crossing*, *Lost in Yonkers* and *Suitehearts* will be held on Sun., Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. and Mon., Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre, 281 Cartier St., Manchester. Roles for actors ages 15 and up. Visit [www.majestictheatre.net](http://www.majestictheatre.net) or call 669-7469.  
 • **THE BECKONING** Auditions will be held on Thurs., Dec. 8, 7-9 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 10, 2-4 p.m. at the Garrison Players, 650 Portland Road, Rollinsford. Call 750-4278 or visit [www.garrisonplayers.org](http://www.garrisonplayers.org).

### ART LISTINGS

#### Art events

• **FIRST THURSDAYS** The Currier Museum of Art is open late from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month with special programs including live music, lectures and film, at 150 Ash St., Manchester. Call 669-6144 ext. 108 or see [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org) for tickets.  
 • **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** An open house on Sat., Nov. 26, 2-7 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 27, 2-5 p.m. at Frisella Fine Art Studio, 26 Old Manchester Road, Candia. Call 361-4759 or visit [www.robinfrisella.com](http://www.robinfrisella.com).  
 • **ABC's OF ROCK** will be held on Mon., Nov. 28, at 11:30 a.m. Kids will be able to listen to the story of ABC's of Rock by Melissa Duke. Free with museum admission. Kids 17 and under are always free. Visit [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org) or call 669-6144.  
 • **GAYE CHAN** Artist will speak on Tues., Nov. 29, in the Wad-

## On stage



### 85 stars shine in The Nutcracker at the Palace

Lynn Cote has danced with the Boston Ballet and the Washington Ballet, which she helped found. Now she will be bringing her talents to the Southern NH Dance Theater. Cote will be re-staging Clara's dream scene in the local dance company's production of *The Nutcracker*, which will be performed on Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., 4 & 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, at 1 & 4:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. There will be more than 85 performers including Carlos Molina (former principal dancer with Boston Ballet) and New York City dancers Fredrick Davis, Thomas Ortiz and Bafana Matea. Tickets cost \$15 to \$45. Call 668-5588 or visit [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org). Lynn Cote. Courtesy photo.

igh Library Conference Room at Chester College, 40 Chester St., Chester. This lecture is free and open to the public. Visit [www.chestercollege.edu](http://www.chestercollege.edu).

• **HOLIDAY FINE ART** will be held Nov. 30 through Dec. 30 at the

NH Art Association, 136 State St., Portsmouth. There will be a reception Fri., Dec. 2, 5-8 p.m. Visit [www.nhartassociation.org](http://www.nhartassociation.org).

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# ART

## Paint for the fun of it

Local guild draws dabblers together

By Adam Coughlin  
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As president of the White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild — which is based in Manchester, despite its name — Cindy Harrison wants to attract some youthful energy to the group.

The Guild began in 1985 and is affiliated with the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP), which is based in Kansas. The Guild is a gathering place for people who love to paint, according to Harrison, who has been with the non-profit organization since 1995. She joined because she wanted to learn how to paint, and since then she has absorbed a lot about the art form.

Decorative painting is like conventional canvas painting except that these painters use any surface.

"As long as it doesn't move," Harrison said.

Within the guild, Harrison said, you will find artists who use oils, pastels, colored pencils, etc., as well as some who are using three-dimensional designs like stucco and buttons. While she's learned a lot about painting, Harrison said what has kept her with the guild all these years is the camaraderie.

"They're like my family," Harrison said. "Even if we only see each other five times a year, everybody has the same enthusiasm for art. This creates a special bond."

Harrison said while many of the artists work in different media, they all share a passion for painting. But painting is only one hobby. The members of the guild have many others, and so Harrison gets exposed to much more.

For the first few years, Harrison wasn't greatly involved with the organization. But since 2000 she has held almost every title. Those early days of her involvement, the late '90s, were some of the best years any chapter in the country has ever had. Harrison said at the time they had 425 members, which was most in the U.S. Now, they're at about 100. This decline is partially due to the economy. It costs \$50 a year for national dues and \$20 for local dues. Some of the events have a small fee as well. While these fees are very reasonable, when people have less disposable income, they're less likely to paint, which can be an expensive hobby.

The members who are still active are predominantly women, but there are some men involved as well. The members' average age is 67, something Harrison is trying to change. She said she once brought a friend to an event and the friend said, "I'm young, they're old, what do we have in common?" Harrison was shocked by this thinking; she says painting is something that can be loved by everyone regardless of age. She said it has been the thing that has introduced her to some of the most interesting people she's ever met.

But the misconception is common. It was once held by Harrison's own teenage daughter. Harrison dragged her daughter to a Rhode Island convention that had a "fairies" theme. Harrison told her daughter the guild members would be dressing up as fairies.



A look inside last March's Paint In. Courtesy photo.

Her daughter didn't believe her until they arrived and almost every single person was dressed to the nines. Her daughter wished she had brought a better costume herself.

"We all like to have fun," Harrison said.

The decline in membership and a genuine love for the guild is why Harrison is working hard to boost numbers. The more members, the more good the guild can do, she figures.

The White Mountain Decorative Painters' Guild has always raised money for charity; members used to choose a different charity each year, but now they focus on one, David's House, which helps families with children who are going through treatment at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. In the spring, members of the guild paint Easter eggs, and in the late fall they paint Christmas ornaments. The kids who are part of David's House get to choose an ornament, which they give to their parents for a Christmas present.

"We also do a Memory Box program," Harrison said. "We paint beautiful memory boxes, which we donated to local hospitals. They then use these boxes for the bracelets, bonnets and baby keepsakes of the unborn or babies who die prematurely in the hospital. It is such a difficult time when something like that happens, we want to provide whatever comfort we can."

The members of the guild also collect items for David's House during their five meetings per year, which are held at the Comfort Inn in Manchester. Harrison said these families need everyday things and the guild members are happy to help out.

During the meetings, there is usually a business gathering in the morning and a painting class in the afternoon. Twice a year there are additional classes with international and national teachers. There will be two local seminars as well. Connie Parkinson of California will speak in April and Kelly Hoernig of Ohio, a specialist in colored pencils, will speak in July.

Harrison said that she would invite anyone interested in learning more about the White Mountain Decorative Guild to attend an event or meeting. She said once people see all the good that the guild does and enjoy the friendships that are formed, they are likely to join.

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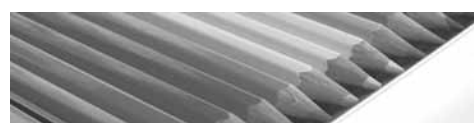
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• **Check out SOPHA without leaving your sofa:** You can now take a virtual tour of the Studio of Photographic Arts (SOPHA),

15 Merrill St., Manchester, by logging onto Facebook or YouTube. The video is close to five minutes long and even shows a blueprint of the space. It also takes the viewer on a comprehensive tour of the 5,000-square-foot facility guided by Bud Thorpe. Visit [vimeo.com/31178094](http://vimeo.com/31178094).

• **Gaye Chan in Chester:** The final lecturer in Chester College of New England's Visiting Artists Symposium Lecture Series is Gaye Chan, who is not afraid to address controversy in her work. "Chan was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the United States in 1969," according to her website, [gayechan.com](http://gayechan.com). "She received her MFA from San Francisco Art Institute and is currently a professor and the Chair of the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Hawai'i." Chan's work is varied. She does traditional work with photographs, sculptures and other media, but she also does grander art projects, like eating in public, which she worked on with Nandita Sharma. In this project, food was grown on private or public land and people could then give or take food from their free stores. The project, according to the website, was a satire of capitalism. Chan will speak on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the Wadleigh Library Conference Room, 40 Chester St., Chester. Visit [chestercollege.edu](http://chestercollege.edu). —Adam Coughlin

and Dec. 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Dec. 15, in the Brady Sullivan Plaza Mall, 1000 Elm St., Manchester. Visit [www.intownmanchester.com](http://www.intownmanchester.com) or call 645-6285.

• **EVERGREEN FAIR** will be held on Thurs., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Memorial Union Building at UNH, 83 Main St., Durham. The event is free and open to the public. E-mail [evergreenfair@hotmail.com](mailto:evergreenfair@hotmail.com) or call 934-6248.

### Gallery openings

• **ART FROM THE HARBOR GALLERY** will be held through December at the UNH School of Law, Two White St., Concord. Galler hours are weekdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. There will be a reception on Sat., Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 228-1541.

• **CLOSE TO HOME** Multi-artist exhibit Nov. 29 through Dec. 31 at East Colony Fine Art, 55 South Commercial St., Manchester. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be an opening reception on Sat., Dec. 3, 4-7 p.m. Call 621-7400 or visit [www.eastcolony.com](http://www.eastcolony.com).

### In the galleries

• **A CHOSEN PATH:** The Ceramic Art of Karen Kames will be on display through Dec. 3 at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Call 669-6144 or visit [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org).

• **ABOUT FACE:** New Paintings by Kendra O'Donnell will be on display through April 27 at the Robert M. Larsen Gallery at Sulloway & Hollis, 29 School St., Concord. Call 225-2515.

• **ANITA PERRY** work is on display through December at the UNH Graduate School Manchester Campus, 4th floor, 286 Commercial St., Manchester. Call 641-4313 or visit [## In a gallery near you](http://www.grad-</a></p>
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### Sakellarios at the library

Monique Sakellarios has had her impressionist paintings on display in France, Taiwan and Thailand, amongst other places. Now her work can be seen at the

Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. The exhibit will be going on in the Image Gallery through Dec. 30. While she is represented in galleries all across the country, she calls Nashua home. Her own gallery is called Maison de l'Art and is located at 57 East Pearl St., Nashua. Gallery hours Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Call 589-4610 or visit [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org). Pictured: "Boston Blossoms" by Monique Sakellarios.

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• **ANNUAL STUDENT EXHIBITION** will be held through Dec. 14 at The Gallery at New England College on Main Street in Henniker. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 428-2329 or visit [www.nec.edu](http://www.nec.edu).

• **ART A LA CARTE** Works representing local eateries will be on display during November at East Colony Fine Art in Langer Place, 55 South Commercial St., Manchester. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 621-7400 or visit [www.eastcolony.com](http://www.eastcolony.com).

• **ARTFUL GIVING FOR THE HOLIDAY** will be held through Dec. 24 at the Millbrook Gallery & Sculpture Gardens, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 226-2046 or visit [www.themillbrookgallery.com](http://www.themillbrookgallery.com).

• **BACKSTAGE PASS:** Rock &

Roll Photography. Exhibit will be on display through Jan. 15 at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Call 669-6144 or visit [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org).

• **CHRISTMAS DRAWINGS** by Fr. Iain MacLellan will be on display through Dec. 10 at the Alva de Mars Megan Chapel Art Center at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Dr., Manchester. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and remains open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Call 641-7241.

• **CHRISTOPHER W.A. POTHIER** work will be on display through Nov. 30 at the Jill C. Wilson Gallery at the Kimball Jenkins School, 266 North Main St., Concord. Call 225-3932 or visit [www.kimballjenkins.com](http://www.kimballjenkins.com).

• **FIFTH ANNUAL WILD NH AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT** will be through Dec. 4 at the Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. Visit [www.nh-audubon.org](http://www.nh-audubon.org).

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• **FRANK M. INGALLS** New permanent photography exhibit at the Florence Speare Museum, 5 Abbott St., Nashua. Call 883-0015.

• **GAIL SMUDA:** A Retrospective will be held through Dec. 16 at the McIninch Art Gallery, 2500 North River Road, Manchester. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thursday, 5-8 p.m. Visit [www.snhu.edu/art](http://www.snhu.edu/art) or call 629-4622.

• **HIDDEN TREES** Work of Kim Roth will be on display through November at the Londonderry Library, 276 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Visit [www.kimrothfineart.com](http://www.kimrothfineart.com).

• **HOLLIS ART SOCIETY** Directors of the Society will show their work through Dec. 1 at Re/Max Properties, 2 Ash St., Hollis. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Pat at 882-1503.

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• **JENNIFER VIGNEAU** November artist of the month at the Wine Studio, 53 Hooksett Road, Manchester. Call 622-9463 or visit [www.thewinestudioh.com](http://www.thewinestudioh.com).

• **KATIE WILSON** Work will be on display through November at the Amherst Public Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. Call 673-2288 or visit [KatieWilsonBernatas.com](http://KatieWilsonBernatas.com).

• **KEN HARVEY** November artist of the month at E.W. Poore, 531 Front St., Manchester. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 622-3802 or visit [www.kenharveyphoto.com](http://www.kenharveyphoto.com).

• **KIMBERLY PECK** work will be on display through Jan. 31 at the New Hampshire Antique Co-op, 323 Elm St., Rte. 101A, Milford. Gallery open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 673-8499 or visit [www.nhantiquecoop.com](http://www.nhantiquecoop.com).

• **MONIQUE SAKELLARIOS** Work will be on display through Dec. 30 at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Call 589-4610.

• **NATURE'S GIFTS** Work of Josee Severino will be on display through Nov. 30 at Sage Gallery, 70 Lowell St., Manchester. Visit [www.sagegallery.net](http://www.sagegallery.net) or call 626-SAGE (7243).

• **PASTELS** by Nashua artist Pauline Dailey will be on display in the Image Gallery at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, free and open to the public. Call 589-4610.

• **RON PLANTE** Work will be on display at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications, 749 East Industrial Park Dr., Manchester. Hours are Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 627-0005.

• **RUFF AND ROUGH** Work of Bob Roy and Molly Poole will be on display through November at East Colony Fine Art, 55 South Commercial St., Manchester. Visit [www.eastcolony.com](http://www.eastcolony.com).

• **SANA NADKARNI** work will be on display through Nov. 30 at the Carolyn Jenkins Gallery at the Kimball Jenkins School, 266 North Main St., Concord. Call 225-3932 or visit [www.kimballjenkins.com](http://www.kimballjenkins.com).

• **SETTING THE STANDARD:** Work of Jurors. Exhibit will be

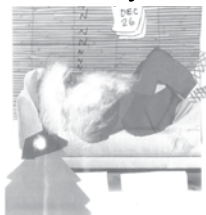
## In a gallery near you



### Midnight will be merry in Concord

Watercolorist Kathy Tangney will be hosting another The Minor Threat Pop-up Gallery on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight (it's the night of Concord's Midnight Merriment downtown festivities). The exhibit, which pops up for one night only, is the second of its kind — a similar one was held this past summer. The works of the Merrimack Painters will be on display at 122 N. Main St., 2nd floor, Concord. Those artists include Mary Ruedig, Terry Heinzmann, Dustan Knight, Ann Lynch, Susan Levensen, Lynn Joslyn, Bonnie Halsey, Betsy Janeway, Kathy Tangney, Jan Whittmer, Charmie Curran and Barbara Filieul. Call 645-5958 or visit [www.merrimackriverpainters.com](http://www.merrimackriverpainters.com). Courtesy photo.

## In a gallery near you



### Good things come in small packages

The holiday themed show "Small Works, Great Gifts" will be on display through Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the Artist Association, 225 Water St., Exeter. There will be an open house at the gallery on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of the works were made by member artists and all are smaller than 11" x 14". Twenty-five percent of sales will go toward an annual scholarship for high school graduates who are looking to pursue the arts in college. Visit [www.seacoastartist.org](http://www.seacoastartist.org) or call 778-8856. Work by Barbara Cowan. Courtesy photo.

on display through Dec. 14 at the League of NH Craftsmen Craft Center, 49 South Main St., Concord. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 224-3375 or visit [www.nhcrafts.org](http://www.nhcrafts.org).

• **STEPHEN PREVITE** November artist of the month at 263 Art Gallery, 263 Main St., Nashua. Call Pong at 321-0233.

• **SUNWORKS** Multi-artist exhibit on display through November at McAuliffe-Shepard Discover Center, 2 Institute Dr., Concord. Hours are Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays, 6:30-9 p.m. Exhibit free with admission. Visit [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com).

• **TOMORROW'S MASTER-PIECES ANNUAL ART SHOW & SALE** will be held through Dec. 3 at the Long Memorial Building, 300 Main St., Hopkinton. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. Call 746-3825 or visit [www.hopkintohistory.org](http://www.hopkintohistory.org).

• **TRANSFORMATION** Photographic work of David MacEachran and Alicia Bergeron on display at Silver Light Gallery, 28 Main St., Suite 2, Goffstown. Visit [www.silverhillstudio.com](http://www.silverhillstudio.com) or call 497-4674.

• **VISIONS AND REFLECTIONS: DIVERSE JOURNEYS** Multi-artist exhibit will be on display through Dec. 24 at the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord. Call 226-2046 or visit [www.themillbrookgallery.com](http://www.themillbrookgallery.com).

• **WESTERN NH ARTISTS** The work of Alicia Drakiotis and Sienna Merrifield Giffin will be on display through Dec. 30 at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest, 54 Portsmouth St., Concord. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 224-9945.

#### Open calls

• **CALL FOR ART** from artists under 30 years old for an exhibit in March at the Sharon Arts Center in Peterborough. There is a \$15 entry fee and submissions are due by Dec. 31. E-mail [comingofage@sharonarts.org](mailto:comingofage@sharonarts.org).

• **CALL FOR ART** for monthly displays in the rotunda of the Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library. Contact library director Carol Roberts at [carolrose56@hotmail.com](mailto:carolrose56@hotmail.com) or 654-2581.

• **CALL FOR ART** Exhibit for two months at Art on the Wall at City Hall Gallery, 1 City Hall Plaza, Manchester, for \$300. Contact Georgie Reagan, Mayor's Assistant for the Arts, 624-6500 to apply.

#### Classes/workshops/demonstrations

• **THE WAY OF BEAUTY** Lectures by David Clayton will be held Tues., Nov. 29, 7:15-9 p.m. at the Sharon Arts Downtown Gallery, 30 Grove St., Peterborough. Costs \$10 per session. Call 924-7676 or visit [www.sharonarts.org](http://www.sharonarts.org).

• **HOLIDAY ORIGAMI WORKSHOP** Karen Beaver will teach on Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-noon at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Registration is required and open to adults and teens ages 14 and up. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/nplcraft](http://www.tinyurl.com/nplcraft). Call 589-4610.

• **OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP** will be held on Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in the French Building Rotunda, 148 Concord St., Manchester. Costs \$20. Call 836-2515.

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## Miss NH USA gets a makeover

New directors bring Hollywood style to pageant

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Gone are the identical girls with shiny sashes and matching pink swimsuits like in the movie *Miss Congeniality*.

This year's Miss New Hampshire USA pageant, held Friday, Nov. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 26, will resemble a "high-end fashion show," blending Hollywood and New Hampshire styles, thanks to new co-directors Keith Lewis and Keylee Sanders, known together as K2.

The two are superstars in the Miss USA pageant world. Lewis has directed Miss California USA and Miss Teen California USA pageants since 2003 — an impressive résumé, as Miss California titleholders have been top 15 finalists in Miss USA every year since then. In 2011, K2 was responsible for registering the largest number of state contestants in the history of the Miss USA pageant, with more than 400 women entering Miss California USA.

Lewis also has been an agent for 20 years. Sanders is a Miss USA alumna who has made appearances on The Style Network, E!, Joyous and TV Guide as celebrity stylist and style expert. Lewis said it's the expertise he and Sanders bring that has given their past shows such success.

Deb Daigle of Montagne Communications said that an increase in the popularity of the New Hampshire show would include economic benefits. There are many girls signed up for this year's pageant, and the goal is to increase the number to 150 next year.

All the vendors, stylists, clothes, and fashion are from New Hampshire; they include the BRAVO Boutique of Concord, which has been designing gowns for 23 years now.

"The people in New Hampshire have great pride, and we're trying to capture that here," Lewis said, noting that beauty pageants in the past have been known to marginalize their contestants.

"We're putting forward a more fashion-relevant, modern show. We're removing the banners, for it will be the outfits and the women

that you're looking at. Each contestant will come in individual style," Lewis said. "It's the outfits you'll be looking at, and they'll be dressed by Keylee, who is a stylist for the stars," he said.

The current Miss New Hampshire USA, LacyJane Folger, said that K2's expertise helped her a great deal in preparing her for the Miss USA competition last April. K2 Productions took over the pageant in February, after Miss New Hampshire and Miss Teen New Hampshire were chosen. They prepared the current Miss New Hampshire and Miss Teen New Hampshire, Lacy Jane Folger and Annie Read, for the Miss USA pageant.

"Young people have to remember that you are your brand. With the globalization, everything you do, every image you put out can benefit or detract you. You have to put out the tools and the best appearance you can so that you're able to reap the benefits," Lewis said.

And K2 helps with outward beauty, yes, but also works to provide contestants with the other tools they need, both in the competition and in life.

"Keith has been a huge motivator for me," Folger said. "I really trusted him — he really knows what he's talking about, and he really encouraged me to be the best I could, inside and out. He's a very strong advocate that beauty has to come from within you, and I've really taken that and run with it," Folger said. "The interview portion, in particular, really helped me better myself, even in my career," Folger said, noting that K2 flew her and Miss Teen New Hampshire out to California to run mock interviews with the Miss California winners.

Lewis says that pretty is what you are, but beauty is what you do with it.

"The important thing to know is that anyone can benefit from self-exploration, and anyone can benefit from polishing their outward beauty," Lewis said. "The women who compete go through a huge transition. People always assume that the people in magazine photos came that way, when in reality they were made that way," Lewis said. Being part of this process is one reason he loves being part of pageant competitions such as these.



(left) Keith Lewis. (right) Keylee Sanders. Courtesy photo.

In this year's Miss New Hampshire USA, there will be \$30,000 in cash prizes and scholarships for contestants, some of which is distributed to all competitors, and some of which goes to the top five. Competitors will be judged on character, poise, confidence and personality in evening attire, swim wear, and the interview. This year, there is also a social networking category in the competition, in which the competitors aim to draw in the largest number of votes via Facebook and Twitter accounts.

"This year, Miss New Hampshire USA is going to give the Victoria's Secret fashion show a run for its money. It really will be the talk of the state, because they've got an unbelievable show planned," Folger said.

The event will be held at the Armory Exhibition Center at the Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester. The presentation show will take place Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m., and the final show and crowning will occur Sunday, Nov. 27, at 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at <http://missnewhamphshireusa.com/event.html>.

#### Miss New Hampshire USA pageant

**When:** Presentation show Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. Final show and crowning Sunday, Nov. 27, at 4 p.m.

**Where:** The Armory Exhibition Center at the Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester

**Admission:** Presentation show \$35. Final show and crowning \$45 for general admission. For reserved seating packages, visit <http://missnewhamphshireusa.com/event.html>.

### CHILDREN & TEENS

#### Libraries

- **Amherst Town Library**  
14 Main St., Amherst, 673-2288, [amherst.lib.nh.us](http://amherst.lib.nh.us)
- **Bedford Library**  
3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, 472-3023, [bedford.lib.nh.us](http://bedford.lib.nh.us)
- **Concord Public Library**  
45 Green St, Concord, 225-8670, [onconcord.com](http://onconcord.com)
- **Hollis Social Library**  
2 Monument Sq., Hollis, 465-7721, [hollis.nh.us](http://hollis.nh.us)
- **Hooksett Public Library**  
1701 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 485-6092, [hooksett.lib.nh.us](http://hooksett.lib.nh.us)
- **Manchester City Library**  
405 Pine St., 624-6550; 76 N. Main St., 624-6560; [manchester.lib.nh.us](http://manchester.lib.nh.us)
- **Nashua Public Library**  
2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4631, [nashualibrary.org](http://nashualibrary.org)
- **Pollard Memorial Library**  
401 Merrimack St., in Lowell,

Mass, 978-970-4120, [pollardml.org](http://pollardml.org)

- **Rodgers Memorial Library**  
194 Derry Road, Hudson, [rogerslibrary.org](http://rogerslibrary.org)
- **Wadleigh Memorial Library**  
49 Nashua St., Milford, 673-2408, [wadleigh.lib.nh.us](http://wadleigh.lib.nh.us)

#### Museums

- **The Children's Museum of NH**  
6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org)
- **Kaleidoscope Children's Museum**  
250 Commercial St., Suite 1011, Manchester, [kaleidoscopechildrensmuseum.net](http://kaleidoscopechildrensmuseum.net)
- **Mariposa Museum**  
26 Main St., Peterborough, 924-4555, [mariposamuseum.org](http://mariposamuseum.org)

#### Science

- **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center**

- 2 Institute Drive, Concord, 271-STAR, [starhop.com](http://starhop.com)
- **RoboTech Center**  
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- **Seacoast Science Center**  
570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, 436-8043, [seacoastsciencecenter.org](http://seacoastsciencecenter.org)
- **SEE Science Center**  
200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400, [see-sciencecenter.org](http://see-sciencecenter.org)

#### Events

- **WHO'S HERE IN WINTER** is a preschool program offered by the Amoskeag fishways on Wed., Nov. 30, from 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. Children will learn about where animals go to stay warm in the winter. Cost is \$5 for family, and pre-registration required. Call 626-3474.
- **FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHTS** on the first Friday of each month this fall the Children's Museum of NH, 6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, [www.childrens-museum.org](http://www.childrens-museum.org), will stay open for special evening hours from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and admit all

families at no cost. Family Fun Night will be held Fri., Dec. 2.

- **GO WILD WITH CRAFTS** at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, 23 Science Center Road, Holderness, on Sat., Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Learn how to use natural materials for crafts, transforming pinecones, milkweed pods, acorns, seeds and sticks into amazing items to take home. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. Visit [www.nhnature.org](http://www.nhnature.org) or call 968-7194.

• **PICTURES WITH SANTA** will be offered at Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson, Sat., Dec. 3 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

• **FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHT** at the Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett, on Wed., Dec. 7 at 7 a.m. Visit [www.hooksettlibrary.org](http://www.hooksettlibrary.org).

• **TEEN NIGHT: QUEST FOR THE FIRST HABITABLE EXOWORLD** discussion on the new discoveries of NASA's Kepler mission, led by Dartmouth College astronomy graduate students, on Fri., Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at the McAuliffe Shepard



# Kiddie Pool

## Family fun this weekend

### Trees are tops

• The **Southern New Hampshire Festival of Trees** will take place on Friday, Nov. 25, from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 26, from noon to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 27, from noon to 5 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 28, through Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission to this festival at Pelham's town hall, 6 Village Green, Pelham, costs \$5 for those over age 12. The show will also feature Santa, an English Handbell Choir, raffles and pony rides. Visit [www.snhfestivaloftrees.com](http://www.snhfestivaloftrees.com) for a detailed schedule. Max the Manchester Monarchs mascot will make an appearance on Friday, Nov. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m.

• The **"Fez"tival of Trees** will be held at the Bektash Shrine Center at 189 Pembroke Road in Concord, showcasing fully decorated artificial trees on display. Refreshments, silent auctions, a gift shop, and visits from Santa will all be part of this event, which runs Sunday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Nov. 27 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for children 12 and younger. Call 225-5372 or visit [www.bektashsirners.org](http://www.bektashsirners.org) for hours each day.

### Screen time

• Catch a free showing of **The Lion King** Fri., Nov. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Manchester City Library's West Branch meeting room, 76 North Main St., Manchester. Or if you're in Nashua, watch a **family film** that will be shown at the Nashua Public Library,

2 Court St., on Friday, Nov. 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

### Make your own...

• **Rockets!** Master rocketman and firefighter Phil Chouinard will lead a **rock-et-building** workshop for ages 8 to adult at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive, Concord, on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. Call 271-7827 or visit [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com). The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a rocket and related materials.

• **Science instruments!** SEE Science Center, 200 Bedford St., Manchester, has been offering special family workshop activities this fall only during certain hours, geared for ages 6-10. On Wednesday, Nov. 23, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 26, between 11 a.m. and noon and between 2 and 3 p.m., drop in to try making a **wind-powered car** under the guidance of Center staff. The activities take about 15 to 45 minutes to complete. The last chance to try the workshop activities is Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 3 (same hours as the previous week), when visitors are welcome to try any of four different workshops: making a weather wheel; a paper cup anemometer to measure wind speed; a wind-powered car; and falling leaves. These activities are provided by WGBH and the show *FETCH! With Ruff Ruffman*, and are available with no additional cost with regular SEE admission. Visit [www.seesciencecenter.org](http://www.seesciencecenter.org) or call 669-0400.

### Book fun

• Beloved children's author **Tomie dePaola** will read from his new picture book, *Strega Nona's Gift*, on Friday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. at Morgan Hill Bookstore, 253 Main St. in New London.

• Barnes & Noble at 1741 S. Willow St. in Manchester (668-5557) is hosting a special **Elf on the Shelf storytime** on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. with a visit from Hermie, the store's resident elf, and a reading of *The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition*.

### Parade

• Kids will enjoy **Salem's annual Holiday Parade** on Sunday, Nov. 27, starting at 1 p.m. Thousands are expected to attend the event, which begins on North Policy Street and travels down Main Street to Salem High School. Santa himself will attend the 1.5-mile-long parade route.

### Out of town

• Heading north? The **Lakes Region Holiday Craft Fair** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Opechee Conference Center, 62 Doris Ray Court, Laconia. Help the kids do their holiday shopping with the goods from 80 exhibitors. There will be raffles, and music by Tim Janis & Sergei Novikov. Admission is free. Call 528-4014 or visit [www.joy-cecraftshos.com](http://www.joy-cecraftshos.com).

Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive, Concord, [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com). Pizza and soda provided. For ages 13-19 only. \$8 admission.

### Vacation Camps

• **SEASIDE SAFARI VACATION CAMP** will be offered for children grades K-5 from Mon.-Fri. From Dec. 26-30 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cost is \$50 per day for SSC members, \$55 for non-members, \$225/week for members, \$250 for non-members. Kids will travel to Odiorne Point State Park and to other locations around the globe via "virtual field trips." Call 436-8043 ext. 16 or visit [www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/programs/daycamp](http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/programs/daycamp).

• **HOLIDAY TREKS 4 TOTS** is

hosted by Seacoast Science Center and takes place Dec. 26-30 at 570 Ocean Blvd. Rye. Kids age 3-5 will explore different animal habitats and learn about how animals survive cold winters. Cost \$30/day SDSC members, \$35/day for non-members, \$125/week for SSC members, \$150/week for non-members. Visit [www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/programs](http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/programs).

• **DECEMBER DAY-CATIONS** will be hosted by the Concord Parks & Recreation and take place Tues., Dec. 27 to Thurs., Dec. 29. Day-long trips include tubing at Gunstock, rock climbing, mini golf or bowling. Call 225-8690 or visit [www.concordnh.gov/recreation](http://www.concordnh.gov/recreation).

• **ROBOTS & CARS CAMP** Children's Museum of NH, 6 Wash-

ington St., Dover, 742-2002, [www.childrens-museum.org](http://www.childrens-museum.org). Wed., Dec. 28 & Thurs., Dec. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At this two-day camp, suggested for ages 6 to 9, campers will build and program robots to complete an obstacle course, and build motorized cars for both speed and towing power by learning about gearing up and gearing down. Costs \$120 per child and pre-registration is required; call 742-2002.

### CLUBS

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• **ANTIQUES EVENT** sponsored by the Rye Public Library, top be held at the Rye Congregational Church, 581 Washington Rd., Rye. Auctioneer Dan Olmstead will conduct Antiques

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## Treasure hunt

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Dear Donna,

I'm e-mailing to see [about]... two antique beds I have. I've attached photos of the two beds. One ... my great grandmother used as her honeymoon bed — the pineapple post bed. I'm 52, so that gives you a rough sense of the age, I suppose. The other is from my father's (he's 78) youth. Mom tells me this is tiger maple.

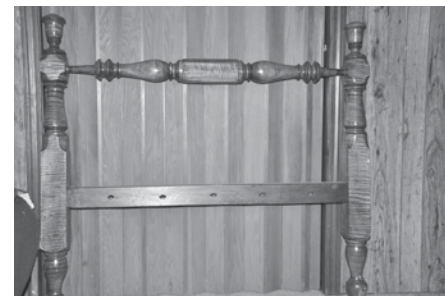
Sue in Amherst

Dear Sue,

The beds appear to be from the 1800s/1900s. And you're right, one is tiger maple — this is a rope bed (rope beds were strung with rope and then usually a feather mattress was placed on top) — and the other is a pineapple-top mahogany bed. To me both are really good-quality pieces with some typical damage from age.

Now here comes the tough part. Most often these beds are ¾ or, if they were made a little later, full size. This is what will determine the value, believe it or not. Today's generations want queen or king beds, so the market for beds such as yours is low.

I have seen people chop them up and make benches out of them. I know this could sound awful, but to me, it's better than discarding them. This way you still have the sentimental value and a new purpose as well.



I am not saying there is no value to these but it would be somewhere in the \$100-to-\$200 range. Maybe a little more but it will be a tough thing to sell. What an appraisal says and what you really can get for it are usually two different things. I would probably appraise the tiger maple one for a lot more because of its age and wood, but that doesn't mean you would get the appraised value in a sale.

To market them I would try the paper or maybe Craigslist and hope to find someone looking to furnish an old summer home — just a thought. Another option for you would be to take the one you have a sentimental attachment to and re-make it into a bench.

*Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (www.fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser, an instructor and a licensed auctioneer. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or e-mail her at [footwdw@aol.com](mailto:footwdw@aol.com). Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).*

Road Show assessment and discuss antiques brought in by audience members on Nov. 20 from 1-4 p.m.

• **APPLE CLUB** Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. This club will provide local user support for Apple products. User meetings feature product demos and discussions of technology as it relates to Apple computing. Visitors are welcome. Visit [web.me.com/applepower](http://web.me.com/applepower).

• **GENEALOGY CLUB**, 194 Derry Road, Hudson, second Friday of each month, 1:30 p.m. Trade tips and techniques with others interested in family research and learn about genealogical resources located in the library. Visit [www.rodgerslibrary.org](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org) or call 886-6030 ext. 4522.

• **MANCHESTER RICHELIEU CLUB** meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Chateau Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. If you speak French, enhance your enjoyment of the language by becoming a member of this club. Call Walter Parenteau at 964-6925.

• **MANCHESTER STAMP CLUB** meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Villa Crest Nursing Home, 1276 Hanover St., Manchester. Call Bob Dion at 625-5082.

• **NASHUA CAMERA CLUB** meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Nashua Public Library. Each month there are three different topics chosen for competitions. Entries can be submitted either digitally or as prints no larger than 16"x20" (with mat) and no smaller than 8x10. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See [www.nashuacameraclubnh.org](http://www.nashuacameraclubnh.org) or contact Dave Marden at 305-7036 or [dmarden1@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dmarden1@myfairpoint.net).

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## In the spotlight



### Mars rover launch

"Curiosity: The Next Mars Rover" is the topic for Super Stellar Friday at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center on Friday, Nov. 25, the same day NASA ([www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)) is planning to launch the Mars Science Laboratory "Curiosity" rover on its way to Mars. The Center is at 2 Institute Drive, Concord, 271-7827, [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com) and the event, recommended for ages 8 and up, begins at 7 p.m. Discovery Center educator Bob Veilleux will talk about the rover and its mission. Cost is \$9 (\$8 for seniors and students, \$6 for children). Children under 13 must be accompanied by adult. Follow the mission at [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov). Image credit: NASA/Kim Shiflett.

**CLUB** (140 Lock St., Nashua, 883-0153, [www.nashuaswimandtennis.com](http://www.nashuaswimandtennis.com)) offers lessons and club tournaments in tennis.

• **NH FLYING TIGERS** radio control flying club meets the last Wednesday of every month at the B-St. Flying Field, 1 B St., or Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 W. Broadway, Derry. Visit [newhampshireflyingtigers.org](http://newhampshireflyingtigers.org).

• **PAREI ENERGY EXCHANGE** to discuss renewable energy. Visit [plymouthenergy.org](http://plymouthenergy.org) or call 536-5030.

• **PHOTOGRAPHERS FORUM** camera club meets at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, on the first and third Monday of each month (except July and August). This informal club offers educational programs for all ability levels and the

opportunity to meet people with similar interests. Attend your first meeting free. Thereafter, dues are \$30 per year for individuals, \$50 for families; full-time students pay \$15. See [www.photographersforum.org](http://www.photographersforum.org).

• **RADIO CLUB** Radio Club meets first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at First Church of Nashua, 1 Concord St., Nashua. Go to [www.n1fd.org](http://www.n1fd.org).

• **SOUTHERN NH FLYING EAGLES** club meets at their flying field in Merrimack throughout the summer. Meetings are open to the public. Visit [snhflyingeagles.org](http://snhflyingeagles.org).

• **SOCRATES CAFE** second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Starbucks, 1111 South Willow St., Manchester. Contact Marc Berthiaume at [Socratescafenh@comcast.net](mailto:Socratescafenh@comcast.net).



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• **SOUHEGAN VALLEY BRIDGE PLAYERS** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford; newcomers always welcome.

• **SOUTHERN NH RADIO CONTROL CLUB** on the second Tuesday of the month at Wagner Field on Old Landfill Road in Hudson. Visit snhrcc.org or e-mail Wally Adasczik at president@snhrcc.org.

• **UNITED DIVERS OF NH** the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the YMCA in Manchester (30 Mechanic St.). Visitors are welcome. Visit udnh.org.

#### Professional

• **CONCORD YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** meets third Wednesday each month. Call 224-2508 or e-mail rkinhan@concordnhchamber.com.

• **IUGO** is young professionals and is by the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce, nashuachamber.com. No cost for membership. Go to iugonashua.com.

• **MANCHESTER ROTARY CLUB** at 12:15 p.m. at Fratello's Restaurant (155 Dow St., Manchester). Visit www.manchesterrotary.org.

• **MANCHESTER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK** meets monthly; see www.mypn.org.

• **NEW HAMPSHIRE CREATIVE CLUB** is an organization of creative professionals such as graphic designers, photographers, illustrators, copywriters, desktop publishers, printers, color separators and other professionals in related fields. The club serves as a creative forum for networking and education in the advertising and visual communications field through a series of monthly meetings that include panel discussions, presentations and workshops. Visit nhcreativeclub.org.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION Open houses

• **LEADERSHIP SPEAKER SERIES** will host Jacalyn E. S. Bennett, President and founder of Bennett and Company and human rights activist, on Tues., Nov. 29 from 5:30 p.m. To 7:30 p.m. At Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth. Admission is free.

• **UNH GRAD SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSIONS** UNH Graduate School Manchester Campus, 400 Commercial St., Manchester, 641-4313, hosts free information sessions the first Tuesday of every month, providing an overview of graduate study opportunities. RSVP by e-mailing unhm.gradcenter@unh.edu or calling 641-4313. Next session Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

#### Adult education

• **ADULT EDUCATION** classes offered by Nashua School District at Chuck Druding Drive, Nashua, 589-6416. Nashua Adult and Community Education offers courses for adults 18 and older to earn credit toward a high school diploma, drivers education program and an enrichment program with classes in arts and crafts, cooking, language, engine repair, college planning, computers and more. Courses run at night. See nashua.edu for class schedules, prices and registration

## In the spotlight



### How to create a guitar

Want to know what goes into making a great guitar? Attend The New Hampshire Craftsmen Nashua Retail Gallery's event featuring John Whiteside on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. Whiteside will demonstrate the art of guitar-making at 98 Main St., Nashua. Whiteside will also show and play several finished guitars, and he will discuss building techniques. Admission is free. Call the LNHC Nashua Retail Gallery, 595-8233.

information.

• **CONCORD TV** Concord Community TV, at Concord High School, 170 Warren St., Concord, offers classes in studio production, introduction to camera and editing for Concord residents. Prerequisite is to attend an orientation, held on the first Thurs. of the month at 6 p.m. or by appointment (next orientation Nov. 3). Visit www.yourconcordtv.org for a class schedule and call 226-8872 to sign up.

• **CLASSES FOR LIFE** Concord High School's continuing education program offers computer courses, driver's education, a diploma program and youth classes. All classes held at Concord High School, 170 Warren St., Concord. Call 225-0804 or visit www.classesforlife.com for a list.

• **COMPUTER WORKSHOPS** at Hollis Social Library, 2 Monument Square, Hollis, every Tuesday at 11 a.m. Sign up for a half hour of one-on-one instruction on basic computer skills. Sign-up is required for one of four time slots. Call 465-7721.

• **FREE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES** on CD at Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4603. Nashua Public Library cardholders can borrow any of 33 full-length college and high-school courses on CD and DVD covering a wide range of subjects from religion to astronomy to poetry.

• **FREE ESL CLASSES** offered by Adult Learner Services of Greater Derry. Morning classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Evening classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, 5 Hood Road, Derry. Call 432-1907 for next session dates, or e-mail rcatap@yahoo.com. See greaterderryliteracy.org.

• **FREE GED PREP CLASSES** offered by Adult Learner Services of Greater Derry, at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. \$20 cash book deposit is required for registration. Call 432-1907 for next session dates, or e-mail rcatap@yahoo.com. See greaterderry-literacy.org.

• **LEARNING INSTITUTE OF NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE** offers non-credit, peer-led, peer-taught courses at a nominal fee to members, open to both retired and younger adults who enjoy learning for its own pleasure. The fall term runs from Oct. 17 to Nov. 22 and includes the following classes: Aging Gracefully, America and the World, Poetry of Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson, The World of Opera, Current Issues, The Now or Never Reading Group, Franklin Pierce and The World of Film. Visit www.nec.

edu, click "Academics" and follow the LINEC links, or call 746-6212.

• **NASHUA ADULT LEARNING CENTER** (4 Lake St., Nashua, 882-9080, adultlearningcenter.org) offers classes in basic adult education, GED preparation, ESOL classes, adult learner services, computer and job training and community education.

• **OLLI COURSES** The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute provides classes, lectures and field trips for adults age 50+ through Granite State College, 513-1377, www.granite.edu. Membership costs \$40; costs vary for individual classes. Some classes are multi-week and some are one day only. Classes are on arts, literature, history, personal finance and more. See online schedule.

• **WADLEIGH MEMORIAL LIBRARY** Nashua St. in Milford, 673-2408, www.wadleighlibrary.org, offers one-day workshops for adults on various topics including computer skills and organization.

#### CRAFTS

##### Fairs/Exhibits

• **LAKES REGION HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** on Sat., Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Opeechee Conference Center, 62 Doris Ray Court, Laconia. Features 80 exhibitors, music by Tim Janis & Sergei Novikov, raffles, and more. Free admission. Call 528-4014 or visit www.joycecraftshos.com.

##### Scrapbooking & paper

• **CARD-MAKING WORKSHOP** at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Tues, Nov. 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 194 Derry Rd. in Hudson. Learn card-making techniques such as pop-ups, stamping, glitter and applique. Pre-registration is required, so call 886-6030 or register online at www.rodgerslibrary.org.

• **HOLIDAY ORIGAMI WORKSHOP** will take place on Thus., Dec. 3 from 10-12 a.m. at the Nashua Library on 2 Court St., Nashua. Karen Beaver, who teaches craft classes at many venues and works in the library's Music/Art/Media Department, will spread her skills at a two-hour origami workshop. The class is open to adults and teens 14 and up, and they can register at www.tinyurl.com. Call 603-589-4610.

• **PAPER MACHE DEMONSTRATION** on Sat., Dec. 10, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Artist Kathy Marx of will provide demonstrations on paper mache and creating crafts on recycled and "found" materials at the League of NH Craftsmen Meredith Retail Gallery, 279 Daniel Webster Hwy, Meredith. Call 279-7920 or email nhcraft@metrocast.net.



## Other

• **WOODWORKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS** Presenter Stephen Carey will discuss woodworkring projects for the holidays on Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hookset Public Library, 31 Mount Saint marys Way, Hooksett. Woodworkers, hobbyists and all interested are invited. Admission is free. Visit [www.hooksetlibrary.org](http://www.hooksetlibrary.org)HYPERLINK "http://www.hooksetlibrary.org/" www.hooksetlibrary.

• **GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST** at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson. Houses must be completely decorated with edible materials and cannot be more than 24"x24." Drop off houses on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. or Dec. 2 from 9 a.m to 9 p.m. Prize ceremony on Thus. Dec. 15 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

• **MAKING OF THE 2011 ANNUAL ORNAMENT** with Walker Boyle will take place on Sat. Dec. 3 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. At the Meredith Retail Gallery, 279 Daniel Webster Hwy, Meredith. Boyle will demonstrate how he creates ornaments out of wax, and attendees can also pick up 2011 Leage of N.H. Craftsmen' Annual Ornaments. Call 279-7920 or email [nhcraft@metrocast.net](mailto:nhcraft@metrocast.net).

• **FAMILY WREATH MAKING** will be held at Amoskeag Fishways on Fri. Dec. 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Use all-natural materials to make fragrant, long-lasting wreath and other decorations. Cost is \$15 per wreath. Advanced registration with payment required. Call 603-626-3474 or visit [www.amoskeagfishways.org](http://www.amoskeagfishways.org).

• **GUITAR-MAKING DEMONSTRATION** at the NH Craftsmen Nashua Retail Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua, on Sat., Nov. 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. John Whiteside will demosntrate the art of guitar-making and demonstrate building techniques. Admission is free.

## DANCE

- **Arthur Murray Dance Studio** 99 Elm St., Manchester, 624-6857, [learntodancetoday.com](http://learntodancetoday.com)
- **Bliss Healing Arts Center LLC** 250 Commercial St. # 2007, 624-0080, [blisshealing.com](http://blisshealing.com)
- **Dance International Studio** 83 Hanover St., Manchester, 858-0162, [importers-exporters.com/DIS.htm](http://importers-exporters.com/DIS.htm)
- **Kathy Blake Dance Studios** 3 Northern Blvd. in Amherst, 673-3978, [kathyblakedances-studios.com](http://kathyblakedances-studios.com)
- **Krystal Ballroom Dance Studio** 352 S. Broadway, Salem, 870-9350, [krystalballroom.com](http://krystalballroom.com)
- **Let's Dance Studio** 5 North Main St., Concord, 228-2800, [letsdancenh.com](http://letsdancenh.com)
- **Mill-A-Round Dance Center** 250 Commercial St., Manchester, 641-3880, [millaround.com](http://millaround.com)
- **N-Step Dance Center** 2626 Brown Ave Manchester, 03103 603-641-6787 [nstepdance.com](http://nstepdance.com)
- **Paper Moon Dance Center** 515 DW Hwy., Merrimack, 429-1100, [papermoondance.com](http://papermoondance.com).
- **Queen City Ballroom** 21 Dow St., Manchester, 622-1500, [queencityballroomnh.com](http://queencityballroomnh.com)
- **Royal Palace Dance Studio** 167 Elm St., Manchester, 621-9119, [royalpalacedance.com](http://royalpalacedance.com)
- **Senior Activity Center** 70 Temple St., Nashua, 889-6155
- **Steppin' Out Dance Studio** 1201 Westford St., Lowell,

## In the spotlight



### Winter stories

Listen to some award-winning Native American storytellers at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum's Winter Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum at 18 Highlawn Road in Warner. Native Americans consider winter to be the proper time for telling stories, and so storytellers Ken Quiet Hawk and Deb New Moon Rising will present their tales to museum visitors. The celebration will also feature stories by Willow Greene, Hears Crow and Mountain Spirit Drum. Admission is \$5. Call 456-3244 or visit [www.indianmuseum.org](http://www.indianmuseum.org).

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### Belly Dance Classes

- **BOW COMMUNITY BUILDING** (2 Knox Road, Bow) on Thursdays 5:45-6:45 p.m. \$54 (\$49 for residents). Call Tracey at 225-3774.
- **HOLISTIC SELF CARE CENTER** on Saturdays, noon-1 p.m. Four classes cost \$40, drop-in fee is \$12. Call 883-1490 and visit [thehscenter.com](http://thehscenter.com).
- **PAPER MOON DANCE CENTER** (515 DW Hwy., Merrimack, 429-1100, [papermoondance.com](http://papermoondance.com)) on Mondays at 8:15 p.m., and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Cost is \$15 for drop-in, or \$45 for a month.
- **STYLING SOULS** 832 Elm St., Manchester on Sundays at 6 p.m., cost is \$12 per class. Visit [www.stylingsouls.com](http://www.stylingsouls.com).

### Folk Classes and Dance

- **LINE DANCE** and couples dance lessons with Gail Eaton will take place Nov. 30 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$8/lesson/person. Call the Rockingham Ballroom at 659-4410, 22 Ash Swamp Road Newmarket.
- **AFRICAN DANCE** and drumming workshop taught by Theo Martey on Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Murphy's Gym, 163 Lake Ave., Manchester. The Akwaaba Ensemble features West African drumming and dance. Cost is \$13; purchase a card for \$72 for six weeks. Drums provided if you don't have them. See [www.akwaabaensemble.com](http://www.akwaabaensemble.com) or call 224-5582.
- **BEGINNERS LINE DANCING** at the Circle 9 Ranch, 39 Windymere Drive, Epsom, Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Visit [www.circle9ranch.com](http://www.circle9ranch.com) or call 736-9656.
- **BORDER CITY SQUARES** offers square dance lessons every Mon., 7-9 p.m. First night is free. Dance is held at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 4 Watson St., Nashua. See [bordercitysquares.freesevers.com](http://bordercitysquares.freesevers.com) or call Cheryl Imbody at 438-2366.
- **CIRCLE 9 RANCH** (30 Windymere Drive, Epsom, 736-9656, hosts a dance lesson every Saturday at 7 p.m. through August. See [www.circle9ranch.com](http://www.circle9ranch.com).
- **HAPPY TIME SQUARES** meets every Wednesday in the Community Room of the Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield St., Rochester. Members range from 8 to 80, and anyone interested in learning about Contemporary Square Dance is encouraged to attend. See [www.happy-timesquares.org](http://www.happy-timesquares.org).
- **MILL CITY CONTRA DANCE** at the Waumbec Mill, 250 Commercial St., Manchester, the third Friday of every month. A begin-

ners' workshop takes place at 7:30 p.m., while the dance goes from 8 to 11 p.m. No partner necessary; all dances taught. Costs \$8 for adults, \$5 for students (under 12 free). See [tinyurl.com/Mill-City-Contra](http://tinyurl.com/Mill-City-Contra).

• **GREEK FOLK DANCING** Sunday evenings at the St. George Greek Orthodox Community Center in Manchester. Open to everyone. Call 497-4581.

• **LINE DANCING** on Mondays at the Nashua Activity Center, beginners 4:45-5:45 p.m., improvers 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$50, runs for eight weeks.

• **LINE DANCING** on Wednesdays at Campbell High School (Highlander Way, Litchfield), 7-8 p.m., contact Campbell HS Community Program at 546-0300.

• **LINE DANCING** on Thursdays at the Windham Senior Center (2 North Lowell Road, Windham), 9:45-10:45 a.m., for 4 weeks. Call the Windham Rec. Dept. at 965-1208.

• **LINE DANCING** on Mondays and Thursdays at the Nashua Sr. Center. Absolute Beginners-Beginners and Improver classes offered. Contact CJ at [nhgrizzlies@comcast.net](mailto:nhgrizzlies@comcast.net) for info, times and fee.

• **LINE DANCING LESSONS** at the Mill-a-Round Dance Center. Beginner, easy, intermediate, available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Cost is \$8. Visit [www.millaround.com](http://www.millaround.com) for specific dates and times.

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## GARDENING GUY

### Forcing bulbs

Now is the time to prepare for early spring blooms

By Henry Homeyer  
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Winter came early to Cornish Flat this year with a heavy snow in late October. I love the snow and cold, but don't need six months of it — which could happen this year if we have snow from October until April. I am, after all, a gardening guy. I love flowers and fresh vegetables from the garden. One of the things I do to keep my spirits up is to plan for those late winter blues, the time when winter seems endless. I plant bulbs in pots each November, forcing them to bloom indoors before Mother Nature would tell them to bloom outside. I recommend it.

Forcing bulbs is easier, by far, than planting spring bulbs outdoors (there is no digging required), and you are almost certain to succeed — they are safe from predation by deer, and can easily be protected from any rodents that might be looking for a winter snack. I store my pots with bulbs for forcing in a cold cellar, one that has, on occasion, harbored mice and even red squirrels. In fact, I have learned the hard way that indoor rodents can and will dig up and eat bulbs, indoors or out. So now I keep my pots covered with hardware cloth (a fine-mesh metal screening available at hardware stores). But wear gloves if you cut hardware cloth to size — the edges are as sharp as razor wire.

Your first job, if you wish to force bulbs to bloom indoors next spring, is to select those that are early bloomers. Each bulb contains the information needed to decide when to bloom. You can affect that timing, but choose packets of bulbs that say "early bloomer" rather than late. I need blossoms in March, not May.

Next, select containers that will accommodate 10 or more bulbs. I have some nice Italian terra cotta containers that are about 14 inches long, 7 inches wide and 6 inches deep. For daffodils or tulips, they are right for about a dozen bulbs because I plant the bulbs pretty much shoulder to shoulder. I don't leave much space between bulbs the way I would if planting outside. My favorite container for forcing, however, is my cedar window box that is 3 feet long and 9 inches wide. I fill it with 30 or more daffodils each fall, and come spring it is glorious.

For the planting medium, I use a 50-50 mix of commercial potting soil and my own compost. Garden soil generally is not a good choice — it can hold too much water, which can lead to bulb rot. I put a couple of inches of planting mix in the bottom of my container, and then arrange the bulbs. I cover the bulbs with more mix, pat the surface with a hand, and if the soil mix is dry, I water lightly.

You can double your production of blooms by planting two layers of bulbs in a container. Plant big bulbs deep in the pots, add soil, and then plant a layer of crocus or other small bulbs above them. To avoid planting the little



Bulbs. Henry Homeyer photo.

guys right over the big boys, you can mark the location of the deeper bulbs with straw from a broom. That way they won't get pushed over as the daffodils come up.

Planted now, bulbs will extend their roots and get them well established, and then they should go dormant. To achieve dormancy, you need a cold, dark location for the container. But not too cold. You can't leave them outside or the bulbs will be ruined. Bulbs planted in the ground never get extremely cold — they are insulated against the cold by soil and snow (unlike those put on your deck, for example). One winter, as an experiment, I shoveled the snow off a section of my vegetable garden and dug into the soil. Using a temperature probe I learned that in a winter with plenty of snow, the soil was about 35 degrees just three inches down.

I recently received several e-mail inquiries about where to store containers of bulbs for forcing. If you don't have a cold basement, do you have an unheated mudroom or a cold attic? An attached, unheated garage might do — basically any space that gets below freezing but not much below is good. If you have a bulkhead that is closed off to the basement it probably stays cold enough. If temperatures get much colder than 20 degrees you risk damage to some bulbs.

The time a bulb needs to be dormant varies. Tulips need at least 12 weeks, though early daffodils and most small early bulbs — crocus, snowdrops, scilla — only need 8 weeks. Years when I plant bulbs for forcing early in the fall I often leave them for 16 weeks. If you bring your bulbs up into the warmth of the house too early they will send up greenery but may not bloom.

To get your bulbs to bloom, bring them into the warmth of the house and water lightly. Once their little green noses appear, put the containers in a sunny window and they will perform. I rotate the containers every few days, as the stems may lean toward the sun.

Winter can be oppressive for gardeners. Getting bulbs ready for indoor blooming in mud-season is cheaper than flying to the tropics — though I've been known to do that, too!

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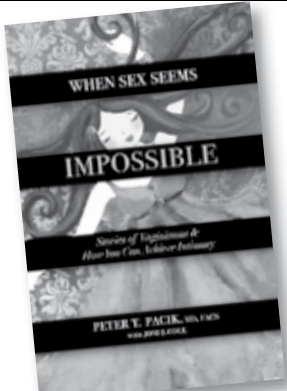


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## INSIDE/OUTSIDE

# Embrace the wilderness

Primitive skills workshop will help you make your way

By Kelly Sennott  
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Will you be ready for the next natural disaster that hits the Northeast?

What if you become lost this winter while snowshoeing or hunting — would you be able to find food, water or shelter?

To help you answer affirmatively, master tracker Jeff Rychwa and martial arts instructor Leon Drucker will open their primitive skills workshop to the public. The workshop, which occurs on the third weekend of each month at MyoFu An, Drucker's martial arts studio, features basic survival skills, such as finding and making emergency shelter, making fire, purifying water and gathering food. Students learn the basic skills of survival, basic skills that many people don't know.

Rychwa and Drucker want to instill a sense of confidence within the people in the area.

"We've got some people today who say, 'Well, we have no electricity, so I'm going to camp out at Panera!' And this is with only one week without power!" Drucker said.

The workshop features two instructors with very impressive résumés. Drucker is one of the most senior instructors of Ninjutsu in the United States, having trained intensively all over the world. He studied in Japan under the last of the ninja masters, who always had a focus on survival as they often had to live off the land while they traveled. Rychwa is a master tracker who studied at Tom Brown School and has 25 years of tracking experience. One of those years was spent in the wilderness of New Hampshire, where he slept, ate and lived with nothing but his own survival skills.

The two made an immediate connection when they met last April, and they say that with their combined knowledge in ancient survival skills it felt only natural to create a partnership and offer these classes.

The Primitive Skills workshop is an abbreviated version of what Jeff Rychwa offers at his C.R.O.W. (Caretakers Reconnecting to Our World) school in Greenfield, which aims to introduce students to the workings of the natural world through immersion. The workshop is open to people of all levels. To date, Rychwa and Drucker have offered a number of themed workshops, whose topics have included water, fire, tracking, orienteering, and more.

Drucker says that kids and adults really enjoy the workshops.

"It's a magical experience, creating fire for the first time," Drucker said. "We had a very successful businessman come in, and when he learned how to create fire, he said, 'This is the most amazing thing I have ever done in my life.' It's about losing fear," Drucker said.

Don St. Pierre and his two sons have attend-



Jeff Rychwa's son Aaron makes fire.

ed the majority of the workshops held by Drucker and Rychwa. St. Pierre noted that even as an adult, he found creating fire and purifying water was inspiring and exciting to learn.

"It was like being a kid again, learning about creating fire through natural means," St. Pierre said. "The kids love it, too. As a parent, it's great to get your kids outside, and away from the influence of electronics. It's so easy for them to get wrapped up in that these days," St. Pierre said. He and the kids also enjoyed the water-themed workshop, where the students created filters through natural means. They made tea with the purified water, adding herbs and edible plants.

"It was fun to see the parents and the kids working together. It's really empowering for the kids," Drucker said.

Rychwa and Drucker hope that this is just the beginning. It's clear when they speak that they are both very passionate about their work.

Rychwa said that children are often more intuitive than adults; they let themselves feel, and they use their gut in learning, while adults have the tendency to over think. It's important to pass these skills on to the next generation, so that they don't get lost. Tracking skills are especially important in locating lost animals, and in some cases lost people. The more people know, the safer everyone will be.

Those who attend the beginner workshop will have the opportunity to take more classes offered by Drucker or Rychwa at their respective schools. For more information on different programs, visit the MyoFu Dojo website at www.myo-fu-an.com or the C.R.O.W. Survival website at www.crowsurvival.com.

The next workshop will take place at MyoFu An Dojo, 159 Savage Road, Milford, during the second weekend in December. Visit MyoFu An website to register or call 785-6440.

### Survival

**When:** second weekend in December, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** MyoFu An Dojo, 159 Savage Road, Milford

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•**TAKE A CHANCE FUND-RAISER** is being held by the New Hampshire Granite State Ambassadors for the Live Free or Die Alliance from Tues., Nov. 29 to Thurs., Dec. 8. Poker, roulette, black jack and other table games will be available at the Poker Room, 1 Lafayette Rd., Hampton Falls. Part of proceeds will benefit

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•**BHUTANESE DINNER** will be held in order to raise money for the Bhutanese Community in Manchester, Laconia and Concord. The event, which is hosted by students at Southern New Hampshire University, will take place on Nov. 30, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Admission is \$25, and dinner and drinks will be served. Call 508-490-6077 or email courtney.



## Holiday events

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• **GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST** at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson. Houses must be completely decorated with edible materials and cannot be more than 24"x24." Drop off houses on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. or Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Prize ceremony on Thurs. Dec. 15 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

## Other

• **NYC BUS TRIP** Hollis Woman's club is sponsoring a luxury coach bus day trip to NYC on Sat., Dec. 3. All are welcome. Seats are available at \$60 each. The bus leaves by 6 a.m. and returns by 11:30 p.m. Cost includes maps, a guidebook and driver gratuity. For more information, contact Susan Benz at 465-3607 or [susan.benz@gmail.com](mailto:susan.benz@gmail.com).

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• **NH STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES WORKSHOP**  
Individuals, businesses, nonprofit groups and other organizations are invited to a workshop on Tues., Nov. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Salem Historical Museum's Old Meetinghouse. Mary Kate Ryan, state survey coordinator for the NH Division of Historical Resources, and Lisa Mausolf, preservation consultant, will lead the workshop. Pre-registration is required; cost is \$12 and includes resource information and light refreshments. To register, call 224-2281 or e-mail [bt@nhpreservation.org](mailto:bt@nhpreservation.org). Visit [nhpreservation.org](http://nhpreservation.org).

• **SEEDS OF REVOLUTION: THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR**  
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# Husband's shifting method shouldn't hurt the car



Dear Tom and Ray:  
My 53-year-old husband drove like an old man in his 1997 Camry, but then he gave the car to one of our kids. He bought a 6-speed 2004 Acura TSX, and his driving habits changed drastically. He drives too fast in it, no longer stops for right turns on red or at stop signs, and takes all turns like a racecar driver. I've complained plenty, but to no avail! As we rocketed toward a freeway entrance, I told him, "Mark my words, you're going to get a speeding ticket." Well, he did, two days later, on Father's Day. He was clocked at 97 mph on a road posted at 55. The officer told him it was a fine example to be setting on Father's Day (our kids were in the car, too). That did slow him down a little, but his other bad driving habits remain. His latest -- and thankfully it's not a tick-

etable offense -- is to shift into second, then back into first before he takes off from a stop. He said he read that it's better for the transmission to do this. Is it? Has this car ruined him for life? Should I try harder to stifle my vociferous nature and just save money for any future tickets? What do you suggest? Please help! — Nikki

TOM: You have our sympathies, Nikki. Your husband has been automatically repressed for many years. And now that he's been "un-Camry-ed," he's cutting loose. Kind of like a new divorcee on a weekend in Las Vegas with the girls.

RAY: For years, he's been stuck driving a dull car, probably a dark-gray one. He's been shuffling the kids around, back and forth to soccer games and piano lessons. He's been losing his hair, expanding at the waist and having every woman under 40 call him "sir."

TOM: And suddenly, with this sportier new car, the dam broke. He's at a vulnerable age, Nikki. That's the age when men start to realize that their youth disappeared about 10 years ago. And they start grasping at ways to revive it. You've heard of the term "midlife crisis," right?

RAY: So I'd be tempted to advise you to let him act out, if it weren't for

the speeding. Going 97 mph endangers his life, the lives of your kids and the lives of other innocent people on the road. So that's really got to stop. But if you get him to promise to obey the traffic laws and not do crazy stuff like that anymore, I'd let him shift gears all he wants.

TOM: If you really put your foot down (no pun intended) and make him stop, this craziness could find other, more disturbing or destructive outlets. Like his young secretary, Bubbles.

RAY: So, really, who cares if he shifts into second before shifting into first? It's probably not great for the transmission, but so what? At this rate, he'll probably drive into a telephone pole before the transmission goes, anyway.

TOM: So see if you can negotiate a compromise, Nikki. As long as he obeys all traffic laws, let him shift as often as he wants and corner as tightly as he pleases.

RAY: But if he signs up for Weight Watchers and shows up with hair plugs, start worrying again. Good luck, Nikki.

Dear Tom and Ray:  
Driving down the road in my '89

Nissan pickup, I smelled smoke. I assumed it was outside and rolled up the driver's-side window and turned off the fan. Immediately, smoke came out of the heater vents. It was so thick that I could not see out of the windshield. I pulled over, stopped and put on my emergency blinkers. I grabbed my handy fire extinguisher and jumped out of the truck. I stood there, afraid to open the hood, thinking air would make the fire worse. When a friend showed up, we opened the hood — and could see nothing! I drove it carefully to my friend's house — now no smoke. I took it to the mechanic, and he could find nothing. What could be the cause? Many thanks! — Sara

TOM: It was a sign from above, Sara. Time for a new truck!

RAY: No, I'm guessing you burned up your blower motor, Sara.

TOM: If the blower motor started to fail, it would draw too much current and overheat. That would cause the insulation around its wires to heat up and burn, creating what? Smoke!

RAY: And that smoke would come right through the vents and into the passenger compartment.

TOM: So take the truck back to your mechanic and ask him to remove the blower motor and give it a good sniff.

RAY: The wiring itself is inside the motor, so it's hard to inspect visually. But if that motor was the source of the smoke, you'll be able to smell it immediately.

TOM: If it smells like smoke, then replacing the blower motor ought to solve your problem.

RAY: If the blower motor isn't to blame, then it's possible that some piece of debris — a stick, some leaves or an abandoned public-radio tote bag — got lodged against the exhaust system, perhaps between the engine block and the manifold, and that could have caught fire. Maybe it burned up entirely, or fell out when you moved the truck, in which case there might not be any evidence for your mechanic to find.

TOM: But have him check again. Start with the blower motor. It'd be good to know what happened. I know you have your fire extinguisher handy, but fire can be unpredictable. And if whatever is in there ignites again, the fire could spread and take your whole truck with it. What a lucky break that would be!

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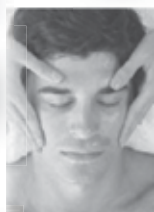
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# More cores, more fun

Also more parallel computation

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For a long time, you could judge a computer's performance by a single number: processor speed. The more megahertz (MHz) you had, the better you could power through your work. And once you got up into the gigahertz (GHz) range, watch out!

Now, other factors certainly influenced how fast your PC ran — amount of memory, rotation speed of the hard drive, etc. I didn't say processor speed was a particularly *accurate* way to judge a computer's performance. But people did. Processor manufacturers Intel and AMD had little problem with that; they kept producing newer and newer products at faster and faster clock speeds.

Until they didn't.

Buy a decent PC today and your processor is probably advertised as running somewhere around 2GHz. Even high-performance desktops hover a little above 3GHz. How come, when the Pentium 4 processor reached 3.8GHz way back in 2005?

The simple answer is heat. Just like an old 486 processor would require a cooling unit the size of your house if you tried to push it into the gigahertz range, the latest CPUs produce a lot more heat the faster they go. A much more cost-effective way to get more processing power is simply to have more processors working in parallel. And if you can get more processor cores onto a single die or package with a single interface to the rest of the computer, all the better.

That's been the strategy of component makers for years now. Laptops and desktops with single-core processors are becoming a rarity, and dual-core CPUs are migrating to the low end of the market as quad-core models become more affordable. Even mobile devices are starting to be released

with dual-core processors.

Four cores isn't the end game, though. Not by a long shot. AMD just released a processor with 16 of the little bad boys. The various models range from 1.6GHz to 3.3GHz, with most able to temporarily surge by about 500MHz. Sure, the Opteron 6200 line is designed for servers, but that's the technology that trickles down to consumers before too long. They already have plans to bring eight-core CPUs to desktops in the next few months.

Intel, meanwhile, is stuck with six-, eight- and 10-core server processors in their Xeon line. Lame, right? They even top out under 3GHz. Speed is important in servers, but more critical is stability. Keeping clock speeds lower while increasing the number of cores to work on different tasks simultaneously is certainly the most efficient way to go there.

For personal computers, the advantages to multi-core processors aren't as pronounced, but they're most assuredly still there. Simple programs still use only one thread, or set of step-by-step instructions followed by the CPU. More complex and more recent applications are multi-threaded, so they can literally do multiple things at once, but only if there are multiple processor cores.

Will there eventually be a ceiling to the number of cores a computer can use simultaneously? Perhaps. Just like you can't throw all the ingredients of a recipe into a bowl at once, some instructions rely on others already being completed. Even a million cores can't process a million lines of code at once if line 761,442 depends on the result of line 19. There's also overhead in scheduling all those cores. But as long as tasks can be broken up, so can the machines doing them.

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## Weekly Dish

Notes from the local food scene

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• **The cupcake craze continues:** Cupcakes 101 (488-5962, cupcakes101.net) opened at Bedford Center Road, on the Route 101 side, in Bedford, the day before the October snowstorm and was without power for its first week of business. Now back in action, the cupcakery is open Monday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop offers four classic flavors (chocolate, vanilla, peanut butter and red velvet) and five rotating specialty flavors, daily. Kate and Grace Cupcakes (216-1620) opened on Nov. 8 at 16 Manning St., Unit 104, in Derry, and offers up to a dozen varieties of cupcakes (signature cupcakes include carrot cake and cookies and cream) daily. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Saturday morning eats in Londonderry:** Harold Square, 226 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 432-7144, harold-square.com, is now serving breakfast on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast menu items include three-egg omelets, including Shrimp Florentine, Smoked Salmon with dill havarti cheese, Veggie, Spanish and Western-style offerings, steak and eggs, Smoked Salmon Benedict, pancakes and French toast topped with berries and cream or Bananas Foster and of course, Harold Square's New York style bagels and "schmeears." Bloody Marys and Mimosas are also available.

• **Green gifts in the Capitol City:** The Concord Cooperative Market, 24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop, and Cafe Indigo, 128 Hall St., Concord, 224-1770, cafeindigo.com, are two environmentally friendly shops in downtown Concord that will offer deals on gifts during the city's Green Friday celebration, which will run all day on Friday, Nov. 25. Visit greenconcord.org.

• **Meet some dark chocolate:** Wiki's Kitchen, 28 Kendall Pond Road, Londonderry, will host a dark chocolate tasting on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. During the tasting, guests will sample six dark chocolates with varying cacao content and learn about the history, flavor complexities, production and manufacturing of the chocolate as well as how to evaluate and select chocolates. Tea sandwiches will be served at the start of the tasting. The class costs \$35 and registration is required at wikiskitchen.com or by calling 421-1878.

• **Holiday food gifts:** Stop by the Downtown Manchester Holiday Market at Brady Sullivan Plaza (1000 Elm St., Manchester) to do some holiday shopping and pick up jams and jellies from Laurel Hill, artisan crackers from Craquelins, dry soup and spread mixes from Life's Little Pleasures and baked goods from The Bakeshop on Kelley Street. Santa Claus is also scheduled to make an appearance. The market will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22.

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## Good Bread rising

Crackers fuel bakery's need for more space

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"It's so amazing, huh? In less than a year we outgrew our shared kitchen," Diane Romagnoli said in the retail space of her new bakery, Good Bread Co. in Concord.

Romagnoli, her cousin David Aguiar and his wife Heidi started Good Bread Co., their bread and cracker business, at the end of October. Craquelins, their handmade artisan crackers, became their flagship product, sold at seven New Hampshire farmers markets. The crackers have been made at rented, shared kitchens for the past year but will now be made at the 1,500-square-foot retail and bakery production space — where bread is set to take center stage.

"We always had the intention to open a bread bakery, but it happened sooner than we thought," Romagnoli said. "We thought we would have a retail space to see if people like our bread as much as our crackers."

Good Bread Co., located at 205 N. State St. in the former Vanilla Bean Bakery, held its soft opening the first weekend of November to participate in the New Hampshire Open Doors event, organized by NH Made. The bakery officially opened on Nov. 11.

"We're trying to get a feel for what the neighborhood is looking for and the time of operation they are looking for," Romagnoli said. "We're going to start slow."

"Saturdays will be our busiest day," she said. "We've already had a repeat customer."

In addition to the bakery's posted hours — as of now it is only open Fridays and Saturdays — Romagnoli will open the shop when she is there baking Craquelins for winter farmers markets and wholesale accounts. There is no seating at Good Bread Co., so all products are packaged to take home.

The only downfall to the bakery's location is that it has limited parking nearby, Romagnoli noted.

"We took the *Field of Dreams* approach — If we build it they will come," she said. "If we have a good enough product people won't mind the walk."

Tucked in baskets underneath the wall-sized chalkboard menu and in the bakery's display windows are a variety of fresh loaves of bread — Olive, Red Onion & Thyme Focaccia,

Country White, Cinnamon Raisin and Pumpkin — as well as dinner roll sticks, cinnamon rolls and single dinner rolls, wrapped in plastic.

"It's really amazing when you work with dough," Romagnoli said. "There's just something about it — it's alive, it's creative, adding and modifying, twisting, tweaking, thinking and if luck is on your side you have a new recipe." All the breads are made with slow-fermented dough. Cracker dough is used to make the rolls.

"You can taste the goodness in it," Romagnoli said. "The aroma of it is intense."

The Country White bread is good for sandwiches for the first few days and as toast for the next five, Romagnoli said.

"You don't really want to just put it in a plastic bag, the crust will go soft," Romagnoli said. Care and attention are needed in properly storing the fresh products sold at Good Bread Co. and Romagnoli suggests that each loaf be wrapped in a brown bag and covered with a linen towel for storage. "[The bread] doesn't get mildewy; it just gets hard," Romagnoli said, adding that her breads make good stuffings because they absorb a lot of juices.

The "princess" of the shop, Romagnoli's French Toast Soufflé, is displayed on a brushed silver cake stand, encased in a glass cover adorned with a prism topper. Romagnoli has been making the soufflé for her family for many years and noted that the dish is a great way to utilize her homemade bread. To make the soufflé, Romagnoli slices a one-pound loaf into hearty bite-sized chunks and bakes them in a custard-like sauce. The soufflé puffs up in the oven and the top comes out warm, toasted and crunchy, Romagnoli said. She dusts the sweet breadly treat with powdered sugar and serves it with real New Hampshire maple syrup.

"We try to highlight New Hampshire products," Romagnoli said. Coffee from Woodshed Roasters in Laconia and Laurel Hill jams and jellies made in Bedford are sold as accompaniments for the fresh baked offerings at Good Bread Co.

Behind the scenes on opening day, Romagnoli had dough set for dinner rolls to be made at 10:50 a.m. The dough for bread and crackers is worked by hand on a marble slab before it is run through an automatic sheeting machine, the only automated equipment used



French toast soufflé from Good Bread Co. in Concord. Angel Roy photo.

in the process (Romagnoli noted that if she and her eight-person staff were to roll the dough by hand they would have "Popeye the Sailor Man" arms). The dough then goes to the topping station before it is put in the oven.

"It's very labor-intensive but it's a passion," Romagnoli said.

Craquelins will also be sold at the bakery and the number of varieties has grown in one year from three to seven. New flavors include Sweet Cinnamon Sugar and Harvest Pumpkin Spice, which Romagnoli likened to a piece of pumpkin pie on a cracker.

"I just want to keep coming up with more flavors of crackers," Romagnoli said. "I really have a good time meeting people and watching them fall in love with our food."

"Those repeat customers make all of the long baking days worthwhile," she said.

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Craquelins are also available at the winter farmers markets in Concord, Salem and Newburyport, Mass.

## Candy on a stick, in 500 shapes

Sweet Lollipop Shop offers colorful treats

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When she was house-hunting in Farmington, Louise Ferrari wanted a space that could one day be transformed into a lollipop retail shop. She found her candy land in a home on Central Street, where, with construction of an all-white custom candy kitchen complete, Ferrari hopes to open the doors of the Sweet Lollipop Shop in the spring.

"That way people can actually come in and buy things and not just have to buy them

online," Ferrari said. "A lot of people have been asking about a store."

Ferrari currently only sells her lollipops online (on her own website and on Etsy.com and Artfire.com) and at local craft fairs. She had often made sweets for parties and was encouraged five years ago by her friends to sell her chocolates and hard candies. She obliged, did some research, got the necessary licensing and decided to give it a go.

"I have so many molds now," Ferrari said. "I would say that at the moment I probably have at least 500 different shapes and close to

4,000 molds." The cabinets in her new kitchen are double stacked, with the top one suspended so high (an estimated 10 feet up) that Ferrari needs to use a stepstool to access them.

As of last month, Ferrari makes and sells only barley-based pops. The barley pops had previously been available by request only because Ferrari had anticipated many of her customers having a gluten allergy. She will now keep the barley out of orders only by request.

Using barley in her lollipop recipes changes the texture of the pops, making them harder and longer-lasting.






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## FOOD



A Christmas tree lollipop from Sweet Lollipop Shop in Farmington. Courtesy photo.

"It gives it a much smoother, nicer flavor," Ferrari said. "They're not quite as overly sweet. It's a very old-fashioned traditional recipe that is not really used anymore."

Ferrari was introduced to barley candy while growing up in England, where barley drops are still sold in metal tins. Barley pops and candies, she said, are a great cure for pregnant women suffering from morning sickness. The same goes for those who are prone to motion sickness.

Ferrari makes 36 naturally flavored pops including all-barley, clove, strawberry, cherry, lemon, lime, orange, chamomile, pomegranate, banana, black pepper and English toffee. She also has another 60 artificial flavors on hand. The flavor combinations she can use for her lollipops are seemingly endless.

Newer lollipop flavors among Ferrari's offerings include strawberry cheesecake, caramel cheesecake and birthday cake, which is made with a blend of vanilla and cotton candy flavors.

Animal molds have always been a popular choice, with dinosaurs reigning supreme, but Ferrari said she also can't make enough sports- and birthday-themed pops. If a customer requests a mold that she does not already have in her collection, Ferrari crafts a custom mold out of fondant (she was most recently asked to create pops to resemble the likeness of the Very Hungry Caterpillar). She can also customize an image to place on the front of the pop to make it more personalized.

With the holidays approaching, Ferrari is readying to fill orders of Santa Claus and candy cane shaped pops. Christmas tree pops adorned with multicolored sprinkles, which look like ornaments, are a new addition to her holiday sweets collection. Eggnog-flavored pops and jewels, small gemstone-shaped stickless pops sold in bags (she makes and sells jewels in all lollipop flavors), are popular holiday items.

"It's funny, I don't like eggnog but I love that candy," Ferrari said.

Ferrari boils all the raw ingredients needed to create the pops at 300 degrees before adding coloring and flavoring. The mixture is then poured into an oiled mold that has a stick waiting it.

"You need to hold down the stick so it doesn't float," she said. "It's a lot more complicated than it sounds."

Ferrari has not yet attempted to make oversized lollipops but plans to try if she can find an antique taffy hook — "You use them to pull the candy and it adds air into them," she said. "You keep pulling and it changes the color."

The trickiest part of the pop-making process, Ferrari said, is not burning yourself on the 300-degree candy. She has a few battle

scars on her wrist.

"The part of the thermometer in the candy flipped up and my first instinct was to grab it ... my husband and kids were yelling at me to go to the hospital but I wouldn't go until I finished pulling the candy," she said. "If I have an order and I promised something for a customer, I have to do it."

Ferrari always makes more than the ordered amount of each lollipop batch and sends an extra pop to customers in case one breaks during the shipping process. If all pops arrive intact, Ferrari said the extra sucker allows for customers who are giving them as gifts to try the flavor themselves.

Ferrari also uses extra lollipops in the "mystery boxes" she sells on her website, which are filled with a variety of flavors and shapes. "The only thing people can't do with a mystery box is choose what is in there — you could have a box filled with tractors and dinosaurs or a bunch of hippos," she said.

Ferrari likes her sweet new career because she can involve her children, work at her own pace and set her own hours. She said she makes pops for about 12 hours a work but spends nearly 40 hours answering e-mails and posting on her website. She calls her 12-year-old daughter her quality control manager as she inspects each pop to make sure it is perfect before packaging.

"It's nice to be able to work from home, but the biggest kick I get, especially on my Etsy store, is the feedback .... The pregnant moms will comment and say 'That was so good for morning sickness, it really worked,'" Ferrari said. "I love when I actually help people, not just with the party kind of things."

### Sweet Lollipop

See [sweetlollipopshop.com](http://sweetlollipopshop.com) for information about ordering.

## All hail the grilled cheese

Chester students learn to appreciate food

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their dorm rooms: food.

MacDonald, 21, of Hanson, Mass., founded the Food Appreciation Club, now known as the Food Appreciation Team, at the college and serves as the group's president. While MacDonald, a photography major who hopes to become a food photographer or critic, said she considers most everyone at the college to be a member of the Food Appreciation Team, six to 10 stu-

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dents have attended three or more meetings of the campus-funded club this semester.

The team has taken the reins of one of the school's longest-running traditions, Grilled Cheese Appreciation Night.

"We just make as much grilled cheese as possible," MacDonald said. At this year's cheesy event, students gathered to watch the movie *Waiting* and feasted on grilled cheese sandwiches made to order. The menu allowed students to select from five different cheeses, including Muenster and pepper jack, and a handful of toppings such as apples, bacon, tomatoes and pickles. Yes, pickles.

"[Grilled Cheese Appreciation Night] is just a way to get students in the meeting room talking to each other," MacDonald said.

Past team-run events have included Cookies and Coloring, a night that brings students back to their childhood by inviting them to bring their coloring books and snack on giant chocolate chip cookies. Sometimes the team bakes sugar cookies and allows students to decorate their own. The club has also hosted a Chinese food and movie night.

"Those events are definitely a morale booster.... Where I do have a small staff and limited resources because of our location, it's great that students take on an active role and do special events for themselves," said Al Landry, director of dining services at the school. Landry attends all the meetings and has played a major role in the club's development by sharing recipes and allowing the group access to the college's kitchen.

"Being a foodie myself, I like to see young people take an active role in what knowing they're eating, what's around them and what's available," he said.

Landry will lead the club in brewing a "Chester flavored" beer to present at Chesterfest, the school's year-end celebration. MacDonald said the beer may be made with honey, as there is a running joke on campus about a director of student services who



Becky MacDonald, president and founder of the Food Appreciation Team at Chester College.

used some of the Campus Activities Board funding to buy bees to release at the school. The club might also decide to make a mead, as a nod to the pollen-gathering purchase.

Chester College may soon also have its own ice cream flavor. The Food Appreciation Team is trying to nurture an interest in food at the school by helping student Sian-na Orr with her plans to start an Ice Cream Club on campus next semester. "She wants to raise funding to buy an ice cream maker for the school," MacDonald said. The next club event will be an Ice Cream Night at which students will be able to make their own ice cream by shaking up ice, salt and vanilla in zip-lock bags.

MacDonald said the Food Appreciation Team is working to put together a college recipe book filled with recipes for inexpensive dishes that students can make for themselves when they do not have access to the cafeteria. "Maybe we'll call it 'The Starving Artist,'" she said.

### Food Listings

#### Winter markets

- **CANTERBURY** in Town Hall on Wednesdays, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., ccfma.net.
- **CONCORD** at Cole Gardens, 430 Loudon Road in Concord, some Saturdays starting with Sat., Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See [www.colegardens.com](http://www.colegardens.com).
- **DERRY** at the Derry Recreation/Vets Hall, 31 W Broadway, Derry, the first and third Sundays November through March from noon to 4 p.m. See [www.derry-nh.org](http://www.derry-nh.org).
- **EPPING** 16 Main St. in Epping, the first Friday of each month from November through April, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Call 642-8747.
- **HOOKSETT** at White Birch Brewing, 1339 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, on Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m.
- **MILFORD** at Milford Town Hall Auditorium, 1 Union Square in Milford, on some Saturdays per month through May from 9 a.m. to noon: Dec. 3; Jan. 7, Jan. 21; Feb. 18; March 3; March 17; April 14, April 21; May 5, and May 9. See [www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com](http://www.milfordnhfarmersmarket.com).
- **NEWMARKET** at Carpenter's Olde English Greenhouse, 220 S.

### In the spotlight



#### Ah, the subtleties of chocolate

It's all about the cacao beans (and what you do with them). Taste some dark chocolate at Wiki's Kitchen, 28 Kendall Pond Road, Londonderry, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. Guests will sample six dark chocolates with varying cacao content and learn about the history, flavor complexities, production and

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Main St. in Newmarket, the third Saturday of the month from October to April.

- **NORTHWOOD** at the Masonic Lodge at the intersection of Routes 4, 202/9 and 43, on Saturdays in November from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See [northwoodfarmersmarket.blogspot.com](http://northwoodfarmersmarket.blogspot.com).
- **NOTTINGHAM** at the Not-

tingham Municipal Complex, 139 Stage Road, on Sun., Nov. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. Find them on Facebook.

- **RAYMOND** at Lamprey River School, 33 Old Manchester Road, on Sundays, Dec. 11, Jan. 22, Feb. 19 and March 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [raymondnh.gov](http://raymondnh.gov).
- **SALEM** at United Methodist

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## Weekly Dish

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• **Early holiday celebration at 900, changes to staff:** 900 Degrees, 50 Dow St., Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com, will hold its Holiday Wine Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Baked stuffed oysters, blue cheese and iceberg wedge salad, wood fired beef stew and herb-crusted lamb lollipops will be served for dinner and pear almond cranberry dessert pizza for dessert. Wines served will include Bollini Pinot Grigio, Albert I Noya White Blend, Brotte "La Griveliere" Cotes du Rhone, Dinastia Vivanco "Crianza" and a dessert wine. The cost is \$39.95 and reservations are required. It will be the last wine dinner for 900 Wine Director Kat Lachance, who has taken a position at a Massachusetts restaurant group.

• **New eats on the lake:** The Inn on Main, formerly the Lakeview Inn, opened at 200 N. Main St. in Wolfeboro on Friday, Nov. 11. The Inn's bistro restaurant serves fare "with a New Hampshire twist" and features local ingredients in its dishes, according to a press release. Make reservations at innnewhampshire.com or by calling 569-1335.

• **Last open house of the year but more retail locations for holiday shopping:** Hermit Woods Winery, 56 Taylor Road, Sanbornton,

253-7968, hermitwoods.com, will hold its last open house of 2011 on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hermit Woods wines are also now available at The Black Forest Café in Amherst, Concord Cooperative Market in Concord, Holderness General Store in Holderness, Bert's Better Beers in Hooksett, Tavern 27 in Laconia, The Drinkery Shop in Londonderry, The Beer Store in Nashua and Smoke N Barley in Tilton.

• **Keep those holiday pounds down:** Catholic Medical Center is offering a short-term weight loss program to "stop the seasonal splurge cycle." Program participants will learn how holiday treats can fit into a low-calorie diet, the art of eating less, spending less and enjoying more, and health special-occasion recipes. The plan includes meal replacement products and instructions on how to form a healthy diet and healthy lifestyle habits. Contact Leslie Bullock at 663-6297 to learn more.

• **More K-Cup sources:** After seeing last week's story about K-Cups and the places that let you mix and match varieties to make your own box, a reader wrote in to add to the list Out of the Woods Coffee, 515 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-9863, outofthewoodscoffee.com, which sells a large selection of K-Cups, individually.

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Church on Pleasant Street on Sundays Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 5 and March 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Visit salemfarmersmarket.com

• **SEACOAST EAT LOCAL** starts on Nov. 20 and alternates between Wentworth Greenhouses and Rollinsford and Exeter high schools. Visit seacoasteatlocal.org/winterfarmersmarkets/ for a full schedule.

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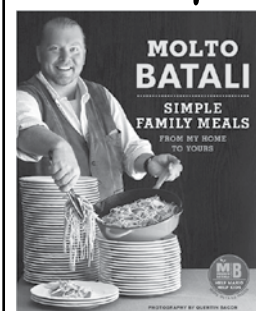
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• **MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEA** will be held at Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com, on Saturday, Dec. 3, Saturday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required.

• **COOKIE SHOP - MILFORD** This year's Christmas Fair at The Church of Our Saviour, 10 Amherst St., Milford, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, will feature a cookie shop. Fair goers will be able to purchase homemade holiday cookies

## In the spotlight



**Molto Batali: Simple Family Meals from My Home to Yours, by Mario Batali, photography by Quentin Bacon (2011, Ecco)**

A simple Mario Batali recipe is a solid Mario Batali recipe.

I'll admit to being scared off by some of his more complicated recipes in years past, but his simple recipes are real winners — his pesto recipe from *Molto*

*Italiano* is the pesto recipe for me.

In this book, each month of the year gets a chapter and most recipes are only about a page long (and come with pictures). And for every multi-step "Orange-Scented Cannoli" type recipe, you get plenty of slow but relaxed recipes for "Spicy Pumpkin Soup" or speedy pasta dishes such as "Trenette with Jalapeño Pesto" — two dishes that, along with a Brussels sprouts and pecorino cheese dish, make January eating seem a lot more exciting than your standard root vegetables and roasted something. (He does also offer a leg of lamb recipe and a flavorful-sounding carrot recipe.)

*Molto Batali* really does have the home cook in mind. This isn't a 30-minute-type cookbook but plenty of its dishes can be made quickly, particularly if you pre-make the pesto. Each month includes at least one feast — a meal featuring one main meat and a few sides (though many of the sides would make great vegetable-centered meals of their own) — as well as a soup, some pasta dishes and something sweet. All of the recipes seem to take a flavor-forward, vegetable-focused approach. This isn't the heavy red-sauce Italian cooking but features plenty of dishes that you in fact envision eating — and serving — any day.

— Amy Diaz

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## DRINK

### Red, white and green A lot of wine, a little cash

This week we're continuing our turkey wine search with pinot noirs. Pinot is a dusty red wine that works well with the heartier taste of turkey and sweet and sour of cranberry.

For our first wine we chose a 2009 Mark West Pinot Noir from California (\$13.99; we bought it for \$11.99). This is on the lower price level for a pinot so we didn't know what to expect. For color this pinot was on the dusty side of burgundy so that you could see through the wine but you couldn't read a book through it. For nose we got dried cherry, some light berries and a bit of a barnyard reminiscent of a French pinot. This is a very dry pinot. It's more in a Burgundian style than a Santa Barbara one. We found tannins, spice and some nice subtle fruit.



Our second pinot is the 2009 MacMurray Ranch Central Coast Pinot Noir (\$15.99). The color of this wine is a dark burgundy, almost a dark amber. For a nose we found

prune, plum, and intense burnt cherry. For flavors this wine was fruity and lively with some spice. Based on the nose, the complexity of the wine almost takes you by surprise. We also found a touch of smokiness that really worked with some of the more earthy tones of the wine's finish.

*Each week in "Red, White & Green," two wine-lovers look at red and white wines, none over \$20 (and most under \$15), in an attempt to find some great bottles for good prices. All prices are according to the state liquor store (nh.liquor.state.nh.us) unless otherwise stated.*

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- **HOLIDAY WINES TASTING** WineNot Boutique, 170 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, winenotboutique.com, will hold a holiday wine tasting on Sat., Nov. 26, from 4 to 9 p.m. A raffle for a bottle of Two Hands Ares Shiraz will also be held and the winner announced on Dec. 15.
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- If recipe calls for chicken or vegetable stock, use low-fat or low-sodium versions.

### Side Dishes:

- Substitute reduced-fat or nonfat sour cream, cream cheese, or creamed soups in place of regular, high-fat versions.
- Replace high-calorie casserole dishes with plain green salads, brown rice, or steamed vegetables.

### Dessert:

- Experiment with low-fat recipes of pies and cakes. Try using evaporated skim milk instead of whole milk or substitute two egg whites for a regular egg.
- Use half of the amount of sugar the recipe calls for or try a sugar substitute, such as Truvia, in place of granulated sugar.
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## POP CULTURE:

**CDS**

**Kate Bush, *50 Words for Snow*  
Anti Records, Nov. 21**



Sure, after a couple of listens I suppose I can say I'm sold on this pile of self-indulgent bummer-chill. To get to that point, you have to grant that artistes like Bush, Bjork and Tori Amos are important to the culture-at-large, a sentiment with which I can concur to a degree: at least I'm not like those people, you can say to yourself in a relieved tone. Quite the slog, this record, like the scenery of *Winter's Bone* made into a pop album, certainly not a Christmas-centric release but one that instead mostly dwells on what winter really is, whether you're a skier or a

Xanax case the minute it gets cold out. The title track consists of a loping trip-hop beat over which actor Stephen Fry mutters in Russian while Bush eggs him on, her crazed whooping of old replaced by faraway nasal Robert Plant screeching that's as close to "Misty Mountain Hop" as you'll ever hear this decade, I guarantee. The seven songs are too goddam long, especially opening track "Snowflake," its skeletal, ethereal piano getting its point across and then overstaying its welcome by at least 5 minutes, but if I could have surgically removed anything from the record it'd have been "Snowed in at Wheeler Street," in which we're reminded that guest singer Elton John has been involved with some really unwelcome ear-worms over the years. **B** —Eric W. Saeger

**Uh Huh Her, *Nocturnes*  
Plaid Records, Oct. 11**



I can't imagine why anyone would have actually disliked this L.A. chick-electropop band's first album, *Common Reaction*, but by the same token it almost seemed a second-thought vanity vehicle for Leisha Hailey, who's been a little too flighty flipping between music and acting, the latter career's most notable bullet her joining the cast of *The L Word*. *Common Reaction* was mildly irritating owing to a bit too much — I don't know, L.A.-ness; Camila Grey's voice is and was too Faith Hill-like to gel with the She Wants Revenge-ish '80s-bar-rock rumble underfoot. This album, however, reveals the pair to be real contenders in the not-overly-populated space between dream pop/shoegaze and mall-indie. Frankly, this more cathartic listenable-ness may have sprung from their (probably staged) outing as a lesbian couple, but whatever the case, it's a huge sound with drop-dead hookage — you're almost guaranteed to like this a lot if your taste swings somewhere between classic rock, Gwen Stefani, and (obviously) PJ Harvey. **A** —Eric W. Saeger

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## Playlist

*A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases*

• **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:** In a recent column, or whatever this motley collection of run-on Sudoku clues is supposed to be called, I made a half-informed joke about **Syd Barrett** dying from drugs. A **wise and smart reader** wrote in to make me aware that Syd Barrett "did not 'die of drugs,' he died of pancreatic cancer." As a responsible journalist, I sort of regret my statement, which, in my defense, actually had its origins in my reading about Barrett's legendary drug use. You see, apart from not really caring about Pink Floyd, and having no admiration whatsoever for overrated singers who do crazy-mean stuff to their girlfriends, I do have a tendency to look at facts like "many fans noticed Barrett would often be strumming on one chord through the entire concert, or not playing at all" as evidence that Barrett might possibly have done a lot of damage to himself, and by "himself" I may heretofore henceforth be referring in part to his **pancreas**, which often fails owing to long-term drug abuse. Add to this the fact that it seriously ticks me off when I think of people like Amy Winehouse and Dee Dee Ramone taking their talents to early graves through substance abuse and the fact that way too many new indie bands always seem to have one guy on that same path even before they've made any sort of names for themselves, and I'd beg the court for a (humble) Mulligan. I'M TOTALLY SORRY.

• If you ever popped into the Occupy Manchester protest at Veterans Memorial Park, you may have seen or even met the totally awesome local rapper **Galvanic**. This soft-spoken 17-year-old boy-man, who is very smart for his gender, is working on a new mixtape dedicated to the Occupy Wall Street protest, and it will feature his own song "So You Think You Can Lulz," about the "astroturf" stuff happening on the Internet, like hundreds of fake users on Yahoo News giving "fist-down" votes on liberal comments and burying comment sections in silly nonsense like "Dirty hippies get a job," apparently so that people will somehow become tricked into believing they disagree with Occupy sentiments, even though most don't (75 percent of Americans actually do think health-care reform is way overdue, for example). But anyway, this Galvanic will be posting this totally free mixtape soon, on his Facebook.

• Your crazy hit parade of frenzied YOU-MUST-BUY-THIS holiday-releases: *Siamese Dream Deluxe* edition from **Smashing Pumpkins** (three discs, mostly containing previously unheard/unnecessary versions of that one boring song); *Some Girls - Live In Texas '78* (CD/Blu-Ray combo celebrating the **Rolling Stones'** worst disco album); and of course finally *The Best of Pink Floyd* - Alexander Jero Custom Audiophile Presentation on Blu-ray Audio (a technology that has not yet died from drugs). —Eric W. Saeger

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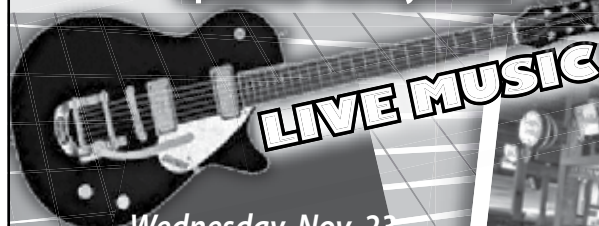
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# Amazing architecture in NH

Documentary explores the Tuck Building at 100

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The New Hampshire Historical Society building. Courtesy photo.

New Hampshire may feel like a small state, but it has a history of bringing together some of the country's most talented people. Nothing epitomizes that more than the New Hampshire Historical Society's headquarters in Concord — not because of all the history inside the building but because of the history of the building.

It is often referred to as the library and is different than the Society's other building at 6 Eagle Square. The library is the subject of a new 30-minute documentary that was created in celebration of the building's 100th anniversary, according to Bill Dunlap, executive director of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

"It is a significant building and is beloved by many members of the Society," Dunlap said.

Dunlap said the story of how it was built was an interesting saga involving some special human actors. Dunlap thought it would make for a great, short Ken Burns-style documentary. He approached the New Hampshire Humanities Council a year ago and received a grant. And then he teamed up with New Hampshire Public Television and the project really took off.

The New Hampshire Historical Society was established in 1823 and for many years it used a variety of buildings. By 1900 the Society had collected so much material that it was outgrowing its home on Main Street in Concord, and so its members tried to raise \$25,000 to build an addition. The president of the Society at that time, William Todd, wrote a letter to Edward Tuck, a wealthy New Hampshire native living in France, according to Dunlap. Tuck's generosity was legendary. He donated the Tuck building at Dartmouth, which now houses the college's world famous business school.

The correspondence continued over the years, according to Dunlap, until Tuck said he would give a great gift to his home state. He didn't just want the Historical Society to expand on its current facility. He wanted a new one.

They decided on a space adjacent to the Statehouse and near what at the time was the federal building. Tuck believed history was an important subject matter that should have a seat next to the house of government. Dunlap said they needed to buy up all nine houses on the block. Their goal was to make this location the Copley Square of the North. Dunlap said it hasn't quite reached those expectations, but they spared no expense when it came to hiring the best people for the project.

This included architect Guy Lowell, who had just finished the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Daniel Chester French, who grew up in Exeter and was actually related to Tuck, was brought in to do the sculptures. Dunlap said he was the preeminent sculptor of the day, having sculpted a seated Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial. As was the custom of the time, French brought in Italian artisans to help with the sculpting. These artisans wouldn't have been allowed

to enter the building because they were new immigrants. But Dunlap said a grandson of one of the artisans would later be a trustee at the Historical Society.

"It shows that great mobility of America," Dunlap said.

They also hired Timothy Sullivan, who was an Irish immigrant and known for being able to manage huge construction projects. Sullivan was a tough man. Dunlap said when suppliers brought blocks of granite to the site, Sullivan would reject nine out of 10 as not being good enough. This angered a lot of people and threatened to bankrupt the project.

And these weren't any old blocks of granite, according to Dunlap. They came from a quarry in Concord that was renowned for having the best granite in the world. Dunlap said this granite was used in the Library of Congress in D.C.

All of this exactness paid off. The building was completed in November 1911. It was a truly astounding accomplishment. Dunlap said the inside rotunda was made with Siena marble, which is quarried by monks in Siena, Italy.

While the story is fascinating, Dunlap said it was challenging to make it a compelling documentary since there were basically no motion pictures from that time. But the Society does have a tremendous archive of photographs and documentation. Between these they interspersed interviews with people, like Dayton Duncan, who often collaborates with Ken Burns on his documentaries. Dunlap said the two spent a lot of time in the Historical Society, especially in the early days. They also interviewed former Supreme Court justice David Souter, who used to spend hours in the library when he was a boy. The only problem was kids weren't allowed in and he'd literally sneak in (only a future Supreme Court justice sneaks into a historical library). Longtime NHPTV host Richard Ager narrated the film.

The documentary, titled *Tuck's Gift*, will be played at the 100th birthday party for the building, on Saturday, Nov. 26. It will also air on NHPTV on Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. See www.nhptv.org for times.

"It was a lot of fun to make," Dunlap said. "You learn so much more doing a project like this."

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# POP CULTURE: GAMES



## Elder Sign & Elder Sign: Omens (tabletop/Android/iOS) Fantasy Flight Games

The streamlined stepchild of the *Finnegan's Wake* of designer boardgaming, *Arkham Horror*, hit the tables earlier this year and now flops its writhing cosmic terror onto your smart devices.

Since 1987 *Arkham Horror* gamers have been futilely attempting to shove the tentacled doom of H.P. Lovecraft's Cthulhu Mythos back from whence it came. Fantasy Flight Games' *Elder Sign* is an attempt to retain the flavor, and much of the characterization, of the sprawling *AH* while creating a faster-paced, far less fiddly experience. *Elder Sign* locks one to eight players in a spooooky museum of eeeeeerie exhibits and sets them in a race to prevent a grand cosmic horror such as Yig, Shub-Niggurath or the great Cthulhu itself from entering this reality. You accomplish this monumental task by acquiring Elder Signs, magical marks that can seal the gate between worlds.

Depending on the slate of mysteries dealt from the adventure deck, the challenge of exploring the museum can vary. Some adventures may spawn monsters, open gates to other worlds or punish the players simply for the passage of time or an unlucky roll of the dice. You conquer these challenges through a Yahtzee-like dice drafting process. Investigators roll a set of custom dice and compare the result to the challenge-specific target. Each die contains a result of Lore, Peril, Terror or an Investigation value of 1 to 3. Additional dice may be purchased through the use of reward items; dice results can be saved by using mystic spells and re-rolls gained by spending clue tokens. Success grants additional items, clues and the highly desired Elder Signs while failure erodes your investigator's sanity and health, spawns more monsters and can hasten the arrival of the big baddie. As a last-ditch effort the team can confront the terrible monstrosity itself as it steps into the world, but that rarely works out in humanity's favor.

The challenge for the team of investigators is to match their characters' special abilities and equipment against encounters so that they have a reasonable chance of success. Unfortunately the napkin-back equation of such comparisons can elude players for the first few games. And once you begin to lose at *Elder Sign* it is often a far greater challenge than previously present. Additionally *Elder Sign* can suffer from punishing strokes of bad luck in its initial outlay. Drawing a spread of particularly challenging adventures that stack multiple triggers can swiftly overrun the investigators. The unfairness of this can be chalked up to the theme and the "us vs. the board" conceit, but it is unfortunate that a more balanced difficulty couldn't be managed.

A further pared down version of *Elder Sign* just recently hit Android/iOS in *Elder Sign: Omens*. The app version strips the various Great Old Ones from the game, leaving only Azathoth, whose arrival sim-

ply ends the known universe. Kind of a hard thing to blast with a Prohibition-era Tommy gun. *Omens* players are limited to four investigators and the time mythos effects are restricted to those present on face-up adventures. *Omens* is a beautiful interpretation of the game, though. The mechanics of dice drafting and adventure shuffling are all automated and character abilities and equipment are easily triggered. The transformation from table to touchscreen is elegant and effective and the convenience is undeniable. **B+** —Glenn Given



## Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception (PS3) Naughty Dog, Rated T

The high expectations set by action archeology romp *Uncharted 2* are moooostly met in *Uncharted 3*, where you punch a big dude off the back of a cargo plane; and yes, Virginia, that is as awesome as it sounds.

Trilogies are notoriously treacherous — it only took 17 seconds of Ewoks crying to drive a nail into the original *Star Wars* triumvirate — and *Uncharted* didn't start strong. The 2009 follow-up *Uncharted 2: Among Thieves* nixed everything goofy about its poor-handling predecessor and sunk its teeth deep into the meat of cinematic action adventure. And *U3* does much the same. As before, Nathan Drake, his mentor Victor Sullivan and their crew of treasure hunters are trotting the globe a-bustin' into this museum and a-raid-in' into that tomb. All the while they're trying to keep one step ahead of a secret society that wants the same treasure (albeit for eviler purposes). Of course this wouldn't be a proper action adventure if all went well for our hero; far from it. When Nate and Sully aren't scampering across rooftops in Colombia they are escaping burning medieval chateaus and cap-sizing cargo ships.

But that's the film version, and make no bones about it, the *Uncharted* series is shooting square for the "games as narrative" form of entertainment. It is not a game for pushing mechanics or interactivity, but damn if it doesn't make every scene a blast to play. You do some light environmental exploration, but there is little choice in story beyond ducking into partially hidden alcoves to nab a collectible trophy along the critical path. To the game's credit these exploration sequences, which make up roughly a third of the game, are definitely fun. Nate scampers across rain gutters, parapets and cliff sides seamlessly. The traversal routes are cleverly woven into the scenery and highlighted just enough to maintain the integrity of the environment while you are making your way clear upon a few moment's consideration.

And what archaeological hop-skip-perry would be complete without dozens of strange clockwork puzzles built into the clue-holding crypts of ancient knights? These tile-shifting or lock-spinning mini-games are engaging enough. They lack the intellectual bite of a tough Professor Layton noodler, but the interplay between manip-



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ulating the environment and referencing Nate's notebook-o-convenient-hints is charming. The puzzles are clever but, shall we say, a little too accessible.

The third leg of *Uncharted* is its third-person shooting. Which you will do, a lot. You aren't going to have a single piece of hard-sought treasure in your hands for more than a few moments before an army of goons rushes in to "take back what is rightfully mine." Nate has picked up a few welcome new moves in combat. He can kick away assailants while being grappled and, thank god, FINALLY, toss ticking grenades back at his enemies. The baddies are smart enough; they work to quickly flank your position and do an admirable job of keeping the firefights exciting. Considering the slipperiness of the aiming and the bullet-sponge nature of both Nate and his enemies, it is often quicker and easier to just bum rush the bastards and punch 'em out. And you know what, that's exactly what Indy would have done anyway.

Co-op missions and competitive multiplayer are sufficiently robust. Many maps riff on

the settings of the campaign ably. The buddy system helps make the world of online play more tolerable as you and a friend can tag-team in matches and spawn off one another.

There is something decidedly lesser about *Uncharted 3*, though. Yes, it is phenomenal looking — head and shoulders above Naughty Dog's earlier efforts. And may I say Victor Sullivan is the single most entertaining character I've seen in a video game this year? But, for instance, *Uncharted 2* began with you crawling up the side of a derailed train car as it dangled over a snowy mountain precipice. It broke ground for bombastic presentation and was critically and commercially rewarded for it. *Uncharted 3* begins with a London bar brawl and doesn't pick up the pace for an hour or so (until the aforementioned cha-teau fire escape sequence). And while the combat is pleasantly improved, it's still an odd duck in the mix. Would it kill to have a target lock, guys? Pretty, exciting, liberally sprinkled with charming characters, *Uncharted 3* is an unmissable spectacle. **A-** —Glenn Given

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## BOOKS

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### Henry Louis Gates Jr.

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• **LOCAL AUTHORS SERIES** at Manchester City Library continues on Tues., Nov. 29, at 7 p.m., when Don Previe will talk about his fantasy series, *The Adventures of D'artello*, in the library's Winchell Room.

• **CHRIS MATTHEWS** will talk about his new book, *Jack Kennedy: Elusive Hero*, on Fri., Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, as part of the Writers on a New England Stage series. Tickets to the event cost \$13 and are available at the box office, 436-2400 or www.themusichall.org. In a special additional event, guests can buy a copy of the book and have it personalized by Matthews at the Vintage Christmas Pop-up Market at The Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., just before the main-stage event, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Books are \$24.75 when reserved in advance via a voucher from The Music Hall box office; signed books can be purchased on the evening for \$27.50. The producers ask patrons to support this series by purchasing their books through The Music Hall.

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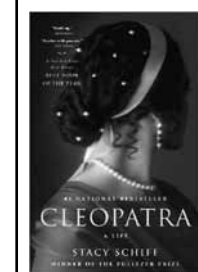
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## In the spotlight



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Gibson's Bookstore in Concord hosts monthly book discussions. Stop in on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. for a discussion of *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff, or get a head start for the January gathering by reading *Country of the Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett. Copies of the discussion titles are available at 25 percent off until the discussion date.

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## REVIEWS BY AMY DIAZ



The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1

### The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1 (PG-13)

**Mokey girl and the sparkly Morrissey vampire finally, like, do it in *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1*, the first half of the final volume in the four-book series.**

And I'm going to totally SPOIL everything, so consider yourself ALERTed.

After three movies of lots of chaste longing, pale human Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) and fancy-hair-having vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) give in to their

urges and make passionate love in a minimalist canopy bed in a modern, glass-fronted beach house on a privately held island off the coast of Brazil — as one does. Of course, because the books' original intended audience was 14-year-old girls and because you don't want every teen girl wantonly running off to her boyfriend's private island to make whoopee in his family's high-end real estate, first they get married. And a lovely wedding it is — full of questionable style and decorative choices, assorted friends and family (who can now look forward to receiving royalties and appearing at fantasy cons for years to come) and one very sad werewolf, Jacob (Taylor Lautner).

Then, to the beach!

Though Edward's all, like, "I'll hurt you, my delicate flower," Bella does convince him to have sex at least two times. And, as health class in an abstinence-only school district teaches you, that's exactly one more time than necessary to get pregnant or to face death. Or, if your beloved is one of the undead and his spawn will suck the life out of you as it grows at superhuman pace, both. So Bella and Edward return to Forks, Washington, where Edward and most of his family — Dr. Carlisle (Peter Facinelli), his wife Esme (Elizabeth Reaser), big lug Emmett (Kellan Lutz), guy who is perpetually hungry Jasper (Jackson Rathbone) and his ridiculous fortune-telling girlfriend Alice (Ashley Greene) — all want Bella to "take care of" her demon-baby situation and only Rosalie (Nikki Reed), who dearly misses her biological clock, will protect Bella and her plan to choose life. Though how much life and whose she's choosing is unclear — because humans aren't meant to carry vampire babies, her child may not make it to term. And either way, it will likely kill her.

Cue the furrowedest of furrowed Edward brows.

And because all that family drama just isn't enough, Jacob shows up and first gets all murderous toward Edward but then finds himself at war with his own werepack, which wants

to kill Bella's abomination before it can be born.

Take heart, Team Jacob. Just because the movie's first half is "Bella + Edward = 4ever" doesn't mean the movie forgets about you. The first scene in the movie involves an angry Jacob bursting out of his house and ripping off his shirt.

The Twilight movies know their audience.

And the audience I saw this movie with was rapt — you could have heard a gumball-sized, hideous engagement ring drop, so quiet was the theater for most of the movie. More so even than the last movie, *Breaking Dawn* really is a crowd-pleaser. You've got your dreamy wedding, you've got just enough girl-torn-between-two-dudes, you've got a couple of entertainingly dorky PG-13 sex scenes and you've got your high drama once Baby Cullen comes into the picture. (And, according to the Internet, you've also got a post-credits scene involving the Volturi. So there's your reason to see it again, superfans.)

The wedding actually features a few cute moments with Bella's mom (Sarah Clarke) and dad (Billy Burke), who was always one of the better characters in the movie. He in particular gets some nice scenes, including a rambling toast where he explains how he owns a gun and knows how to track

someone down. Once we get back to the vampire-vs.-werewolf action, the movie has fun with the Jacob/Edward tension and with a subplot — thankfully, one the movie doesn't waste a lot of time on — about who is truly the alpha dog in the werepack.

Yes, there is plenty of ridiculousness. I leave it to a feminist literature class to get to the bottom of exactly what it means that a girl must beg her husband to have sex with her and is then punished with a pregnancy that promises certain death. Sure, she might be able to "survive" that death by being turned into a bloodless immortal, but that seems like a high price for married sex, doesn't it? And then there's that werepack situation. One scene of warring wolves takes place with the human voices (the wolves can communicate telepathically) over an entertainingly cartoon-ish group of CGI wolves. It's a pretty tense scene and it's also pretty funny. Ditto the first night of the Edward/Bella honeymoon — Robert Pattinson can not do a "smoldering gaze" or "romantic glance" that isn't hilarious.

And even though the first movie only hit screens in 2008, everyone has aged visibly, including some of the vampires. Some of the vampires have also filled out in the face. But the make-up, I will say, is better in this movie than it has been in others. Kristin Stewart's hair may or may not be

## Reviewlets: Snack-sized movie reviews

\* Indicates a movie worth seeking out. Previously reviewed movies have grades. For full reviews of most movies, go to [www.hippopress.com](http://www.hippopress.com).

### Arthur Christmas (PG)

James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie. Arthur, son of Santa, finally gets his big toy-delivering moment in this animated tale. Opens wide on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

### Hugo (PG)

Chloe Grace Moretz, Asa Butterfield. The 2007 kids' book *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* gets a big-screen adaptation helmed by one Mr. Martin Scorsese. Opens wide on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

### Immortals (R)

Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke. Gods and Greeks, swords and

men in skirts — *Immortals* is a tale of epic battles told in bronzey-looking (at least in the trailers) 3-D. **C-**

### J. Edgar (R)

Leonardo DiCaprio, Armie Hammer. Biopic season! The FBI's J. Edgar Hoover gets the Oscar-bait treatment from director Clint Eastwood. **C+**

### Jack and Jill (PG)

Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes. Sandler plays a wealthy Los Angeleno and his twin sister visiting for the holidays in this Thanksgiving comedy. **C**

### The Muppets (PG)

Jason Segel, Amy Adams. It's time to start the music, it's time to light the lights. It's time to meet the Muppets in a brand

new movie. (Insert screaming frog here). Opens wide on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

### Puss in Boots (PG)

Voices of Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek. The swashbuckling cat (in boots) returns for this adventure that teams him up with a sultry thief (Kitty Softpaws) and his old friend Humpty Dumpty in

an attempt to steal some magic beans from outlaws Jack and Jill. **B**

### Tower Heist (PG-13)

Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy. After a Madoff-esque Alan Alda makes off with the retirement funds of his apartment's staff, the staff, led by Stiller, decides to steal the money back. **B**



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Happy Feet 2

her own but it doesn't look like a Halloween wig as in *Eclipse*. The scenes where she is supposed to be wasting away as her vampire child drains her of life from the inside actually handle the visible effects of her slow death pretty well. The make-up artists also finally seem to have a handle on exactly how pale the vampires are supposed to be (the first movie made them look like they'd all just had a bag of flour dumped on them). And a scene at the end suggests that one of the benefits of vampire immortality is everlasting perfect eye make-up.

I tend to believe that a movie should stand on its own, apart from its source material. But as with the final two Harry Potter movies, I suspect very few people are going to *Breaking Dawn* who aren't, at the very least, fans of the previous three movies. The audience is more likely people (and I say "people," but really, "women of various ages") who have read all the books (guilty, by the way). While non-Twiards need not buy a ticket, for the long-time fan, this movie will do just fine. **B**

*Rated PG-13 for disturbing images, violence, sexual/partial nudity and some thematic elements. Directed by Bill Condon with a screenplay by Melissa Rosenberg (from the novel by Stephenie Meyer), The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1 is an hour and 48 minutes long and is distributed by Summit Entertainment.*

### Happy Feet 2 (PG)

**Dancing penguin Mumble is back for a new adventure, this time with his son Erik, in Happy Feet 2, an odd and frequently kind of dark animated movie.**

Mumble (voice of Elijah Wood), the penguin who danced when the rest of his nation sang in the first movie, is now a pillar of the emperor penguin community. Penguins now not only sing but also dance. But Mumble and wife Gloria have a son, Erik (Ava Acres), who isn't particularly interested in either. He feels he doesn't fit in with the emperor penguins, so when Ramon (Robin Williams), the short Latin-lover penguin, says he too feels out of place and is going to seek a new adventure, Erik follows him, along with two penguin chick friends. Erik eventually catches up with him in the land of those shorter penguins where Lovelace (also Williams) holds court and the new star is Sven (Hank Azaria), a short, funny-looking penguin who can fly.

Let me just say here that I know next to nothing about birds in general or penguins specifically but I was pretty sure from the get go that Sven was a Puffin. When later in the movie there is a big reveal that Sven is a Puffin it seems, well, stupid. As if suddenly in a

Looney Tunes cartoon, Porky was outed as a pig.

But apparently nobody in these parts has ever seen a Puffin before, so Erik is enthralled with the idea of flying and starts to believe that if he just wants it enough he will one day soar. Mumble also doesn't know what Sven is, exactly; he just thinks he's kind of a blow-hard. But all of that is secondary to the troubles the penguins meet on the way back to the emperor penguin community. While on their journey, they felt a big jolt, which turned out to be a glacier cracking. They run into an elephant seal who gets trapped in a chasm until Mumble can help free him. Then, they get to their home only to discover that the emperor penguins are now stuck in a canyon created by glaciers pushing together all around them. Erik hopes that maybe Sven will help them save the day but Mumble knows it will take more than Sven's motivational speeches to free his wife and the rest of the community.

Meanwhile, two krill (voiced by Matt Damon and Brad Pitt) swim to the edge of their swarm and have a journey in which they discover the nature of their existence. Why? I don't know. Perhaps because even the movie's creators realized that the central story wasn't going to entertainingly fill the whole hour and 40 minutes.

I didn't love the first *Happy Feet* — I recall it being kind of weird and dark — and my feelings about the franchise have not improved with this outing. This movie also had some dark moments — parents in peril, people nearly getting eaten — that didn't really pay off. It contained at least 40 percent more Robin Williams than is necessary. Instead of building comic relief into the story — think of all those little moments that made *Toy Story 3* funny — it shunts all the comic relief to Williams' characters, specifically Ramon's pursuit of a girl penguin named Carmen (Sofia Vergara). The singing, which has at least the potential to be an enjoyable set piece in a movie like this, seemed inorganic. It reminded me of *Glee* — current, stilted, unfun *Glee*, not jolly dorky sweet first-season *Glee*. Much as on that show lately, the music here felt like a forced element of the story, not something to give it life.

Overall, *Happy Feet 2* is off-putting and seems like something that would charm neither children nor parents. **C**

*Rated PG for some rude humor and mild peril. Directed by George Miller and written by Miller as well as Warren Coleman, Gary Eck and Paul Livingston, Happy Feet 2 is an hour and 40 minutes long and is distributed by Warner Bros.*

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27, at 6 & 8:05 p.m.; Mon., Nov.  
28, and Tues., Nov. 29, at 5:45 &  
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Thurs., Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.  
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3, at 3:45, 6:15 & 8:45 p.m.; Sun.,  
Dec. 4, at 5 & 7:30 p.m.; Mon.,  
Dec. 5, through Thurs., Dec. 8, at  
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# HIPPO NITE

## Nite Roundup

Local music & nightlife news

By Michael Witthaus  
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• **Gate City greatness:** After several weeks of qualifying rounds, the cream of Nashua's Karaoke world beaters gather for the finals of the Fody's Idol competition. Steven Tyler and J. Lo won't be on hand to judge the versions of "Someone Like You" and "Have I Told You Lately" on offer, but the \$500 in prizes will feel good in spite, or perhaps because, of their absence. Attend Fody's Idol Finals on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at Fody's Tavern, 9 Clinton St. in Nashua. Go to [www.fodystavern.com](http://www.fodystavern.com).

• **Holiday sing-along:** After scoring a few deals during Small Business Saturday, keep things local as Majestic Theatre co-founder Robert Dionne sits down at the piano to lead an interactive program of holiday music. The evening includes standards, show tunes, comic numbers and audience requests, with proceeds from the event supporting future programs. Attend the Holiday Piano/Vocal Cabaret with Rob Dionne on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Majestic Theatre, 281 Cartier St. in Manchester. Tickets are \$12 at [www.majestictheatre.net](http://www.majestictheatre.net).

• **Soul train:** The four members of Mica's Groove Train are greater than the sum of their parts, each established in other ensembles along with the "funky soul with a twist" band that stops in Manchester for a weekend set. Singer Yamica Peterson is both smooth and earthy, equal parts Norah and Aretha, backed amply by guitarist Jim Dozet, who works in both hip-hop (Press Project) and jazz. See Micah's Groove Train on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 9 p.m. at Piccola's, 815 Elm St. in Manchester. Learn more about them at [www.micasgroovetrain.com](http://www.micasgroovetrain.com).

• **Songbird:** Brazilian Barbara Gomes began studying voice as an exchange student. What began as a respite from academic rigors soon evolved, culminating with late 2007's *Wide Open*, an album that revealed Gomes' lyrical skills along with her singing, which appeals to fans of Shawn Colvin and Diana Krall. She plays solo for her appearance at a Seacoast coffee house and bookstore. See Barbara Gomes on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. at Crackskull's, 86 Main St. in Newmarket. Check out [www.barbaragomes.com](http://www.barbaragomes.com).

• **Band of buds:** The Manchester music scene lost a friend when drummer and photographer John Barton died suddenly in October 2009. For the third year running, many of the bands Barton enjoyed will gather to remember him and raise money for the American Diabetes Association, including Mindset X, Fuel of War, Mongrel and Gone for Days; DJ Midas Manning hosts the event. Attend the John Barton Benefit on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 3 p.m. (all ages until 7, 21+ after). Tickets are \$10 and \$5 (under 18). Call 669-3049 for more info.

## Go independent on Black Friday

Record Store Day has specials in store

By Michael Witthaus  
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Artists from Frank Sinatra to Tom Waits to the Meat Puppets have covered the 1934 Leadbelly blues standard "Goodnight Irene." But last Aug. 27, it was Irene, the tropical storm, that covered large parts of Vermont and New Hampshire. Hit particularly hard was Newbury Comics in West Lebanon, with floodwaters rising up to three feet.

With piracy, iTunes and a down economy, it's already tough for music retail, and now this. But according to the chain's COO, Duncan Browne, there was never any doubt about reopening.

"When it happened, it was expletive deleted at first," he says, "then, 'How can we get this thing back up and running?'"

After digging out, mopping up and passing a myriad of inspections, they began welcoming customers back on Nov. 15, just over a week before the biggest shopping day of the year — the Friday right after Thanksgiving. This means all four Granite State locations will participate in the second annual Back to Black Friday. The event offers a chance to pick up a wide range of rare music, much of it on vinyl.

With exclusive releases from both modern artists (Iron & Wine, Black Keys) and legacy stars (Bob Dylan, Nirvana), it also provides a great excuse to bypass the big boxes. An offshoot of Record Store Day, held each April to raise awareness of independent music retail operators, it includes retailers from large chains like Newbury and Bull Moose Music (with 10 locations, including Salem and Portsmouth), to Metro City Records, a small, mostly mail order store in downtown Manchester.

Everyone asks but there's no way to know who will get one of the 5,000 individually numbered pressings of Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers' *Kiss My Amps (Live)*, or The Doors' *L.A. Woman* singles box set. Both are part of this year's event.

"It seems like a lottery," says Metro City owner Bill Proulx, adding that it's probably unavoidable. "When you're pressing 500 White Stripes and 3,000 stores want it, there's going to be a limited number of places that get it."

For that reason, Pitchfork Records in Concord doesn't make a big deal out of Back to Black Friday, reserving whatever special releases it receives for regular customers.

"There's such a limited amount, you never know what you're getting," says Pitchfork owner Mike Cohen.

Conversely, Bull Moose employee Chris Brown originally conceived Record Store Day; unsurprisingly, the chain goes all out on Black Friday. A sale on things like DVDs and used CDs starts the week before (also the case at Newbury Comics), and all stores open at 6 a.m. on the big day.

"We put out coffee but forego donuts," says Bull Moose's Salem manager, Chris Woods.

The event is picking up a lot of momentum, much of it due to the growing interest in vinyl.

"The resurgence really is becoming apparent the past few years, especially this season,"



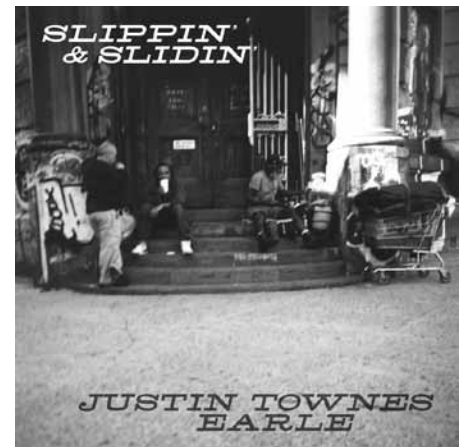
Some of the albums available on Record Store Day.

Woods says. "Plus, it's not just the nostalgic customer. The amount of teenagers coming into buy a record player and a few albums is really gratifying."

### Among the releases this year

(not all titles are available at all stores)

- **The Beatles – The Singles Box Set** (\$49.99) contains four 7" picture sleeve singles in a heavy flip-top box, with all tracks newly remastered and appearing on vinyl for the first time. Limited to 10,000.
- **Kings of Leon – The Early Vinyl** (\$139.98) collects *Youth & Young Manhood*, *Aha Shake Heartbreak*, *Because of the Times*, and a disc of unreleased studio and live tracks handpicked by the band. Limited to 3,250 in the U.S.
- **Miles Davis – Miles Davis Quartet** (\$12.98) recreates the original 10" blue vinyl release of Davis' 1953 release, an early jazz masterpiece. Limited to 1,800 U.S. and 1,200 international.
- **The Misfits – The Devil's Rain** (\$39.98) offers the punk band's latest album with a special lenticular cover (that's a fancy word meaning 3-D). Limited to 1,500 in the U.S.
- **The Yardbirds – "Ha Ha Said The Clown"/"Tinker Tailor Soldier Dreamer"** (\$8.98) is a reissue of a 1967 U.S.-only single with a B-side that marked Jimmy Page's first use of a bow on a recording. Limited to 1,600 U.S. and 1,200 international.
- **The Byrds – "Eight Miles High/Why"** (\$8.98) is two tracks thought lost to history. The originals were both recorded at RCA Studios, but the band's label, Columbia, wouldn't release them, so they were re-recorded at



Columbia studios. These are the rare mono RCA Studios versions. Limited to 1,200 U.S. and 1,000 international.

- **Nirvana – Nevermind—The Singles** (\$59.98) includes all the 10" official singles from *Nevermind* collected together for the first time, housed in an individually numbered slipcase. Limited to 5,000 U.S.
- **Grateful Dead – Live Europe '72, Vol. 2** (\$69.98) is an exclusive version of the CD release, with one additional track. Limited to 3,000 U.S. and 2,850 international.
- **Pinback – Information Retrieved, Pt. B.** (\$7.97) is the second in a trilogy of RSD-branded, numbered, limited-edition vinyl singles. The two songs, "True North" and "CLOAD Q," are exclusive to this release, limited to 1,700 U.S. and 200 international.
- **Fear – "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"/"Another Christmas Beer"** (\$7.98) is a 7" vinyl single of the classic Christmas song given the FEAR treatment, along with a classic FEAR carol. Limited to 700 U.S.

### Record Store Day – Back to Black Friday

**When:** Friday, Nov. 25

**Where:** Independent record stores including—

Bull Moose Music, with locations in Salem and Portsmouth, [www.bullmoose.com](http://www.bullmoose.com)  
Metro City Records, 691 Somerville St. in Manchester, [www.metrocityrecords.com](http://www.metrocityrecords.com)  
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Pitchfork Records, 2 South Main St. in Concord, 224-6700



# Tunes to be grateful for

## Local songwriters gather around Roundtable

By Michael Witthaus  
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A spirit of camaraderie will prevail when the cream of the region's talents join together for a hootenanny at Tupelo Music Hall on the night before Thanksgiving. The five singer/songwriters leading the show — Chad Verbeck, Amy Petty, Jon Aanestad, Charlie Christos and Jandee Lee Porter — have worked together in different collaborations over the past few years, but a gathering of this size is special.

Adding to the evening's shimmer and shine is an all-star group of musicians including guitarist and band leader Bob Beale (The Screen), Hot Day at the Zoo bassist Jed Rosin, Maine drummer Josh Francis (Mystic Vibes) and cellist Bethany Wieman (Hi-Tone Ramblers).

Guitarist/vocalist Verbeck launched the first "Thanksgiving Roundtable" in 2010. Taking a break from a busy touring schedule with his New Grass band Rockspring, he plans to unveil several new songs during the night's performance.

Verbeck's band mate Aanestad released the poppy *Songs from a City* in 2009, but lately the multi-instrumentalist is winning fans for his fiddle playing. Aanestad was a member of a band at the recent Country Music Awards, backing Brad Paisley, Vince Gill and Keith Urban.

After spending much of the year "reclusing further and further" to work on new material, Christos is once again a familiar voice on the scene, playing in his hometown of Milford, as well as at Piccola's in Manchester and New Gravity Tavern in New Boston. Staying close to home makes sense, as Christos and his wife recently welcomed an infant son.

Christos may find himself swapping parenting stories with Porter, who gave birth to a daughter in the spring. In October, the country singer followed her rocked-up 2010 release *No Reason to Lie* with the more reflective *Whiskey and Wine*; she was also a mainstay on the summer festival circuit.

Verbeck and Petty met at Tupelo; both have hosted the Londonderry performance space's monthly open-mike night. Scheduling conflicts prevented Petty from playing last year's Songwriters Roundtable.

"But I heard that people just loved it, they freaked out. It wasn't long after that I talked to Chad and he said we're just going to do it again," Petty said recently by telephone. "What a great way to spend the night — hanging out, playing music, have a couple drinks. It's a new experience for me, too. I've never played in anything like this. The instruments we have lined up, how weird and random it's going to be, how perfect — there's even a cello in there."

Petty will bring her trademark effects pedal, looping together effects on familiar tunes



Amy Petty. Courtesy photo.

like "Broken Record" and her cover of Men at Work's "Down Under." But she's more excited about playing a pennywhistle, and breaking out a tune or two from her upcoming eight-song Christmas record.

"There are two originals — three actually, because I liked one so much I did it twice," she says with a laugh. "I do a funky little version of 'We Three Kings,' 'Sycamore Tree,' and some obscure carols. I whacked 'em out a bit."

A holiday disc was something of an impulse for Petty, who has released two albums original folk rock.

"It's the stuff I want to hear. I'm sick of the ultra-cheery, 'All I Want for Christmas Is You' sort of stuff," she says. "I just want to hear that dark, snow-falling kind of Christmas music."

Petty is again working with Maine composer Tim Janis, filming a special for PBS and for the second year appearing in his *American Christmas Carol* program. After a short New England tour that includes afternoon shows in Salem and Manchester (Nov. 25 & 26, details at [www.amypetty.com](http://www.amypetty.com)), she will reprise last year's appearance at the gala event at New York City's Carnegie Hall.

Her husband Billy is also participating in the program, which includes E Street Band guitarist Steven Van Zandt, musical prodigy Emily Bear, and a tribute to singer Darlene Love (who also performs).

Petty says she expects the Tupelo gathering to be an informal affair. No rehearsal is planned, but given each of the players' proclivity for making music, that plan is pretty much penciled in.

"We'll be getting to the venue super early, and we've all had the music for a while," she says. "So they all know what they're dealing with."

**Songwriters Thanksgiving Roundtable with Chad Verbeck, Amy Petty, Jon Aanestad, Charlie Christos and Jandee Lee Porter**

**When:** Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road in Londonderry

**Tickets:** \$15 at the door and at [www.tupelohall.com](http://www.tupelohall.com)

Fri. Dec. 2, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. The event will feature a performance by the NOYB Band. Tickets cost \$15 at [beatkeeper101@aol.com](mailto:beatkeeper101@aol.com) or by calling 508-1044.

• **BALLROOM BENEFIT** will be held at Rockingham Ballroom, 22 Ash Swamp Road, Newmarket, 659-4410, [therockinghamballroom.com](http://therockinghamballroom.com), on Fri., Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. A Tribute to Benny Goodman and Peggy

Lee will perform. Tickets cost \$50 at [fotr.org](http://fotr.org) or by calling 431-7224. Proceeds will be put toward a new sprinkler system at the ballroom.

• **GARY HOEY** will perform with Lita Ford and Farren Butcher Inc. at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass., on Sat., Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$28.75 at [lowellauditorium.com](http://lowellauditorium.com) or

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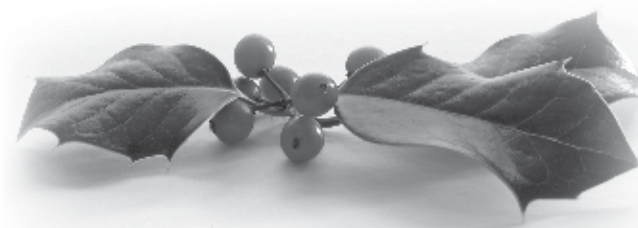
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# Dance to Americana

### Donna the Buffalo fiddles into Londonderry

By Angel Roy  
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Join the herd to see Donna the Buffalo play an eclectic mix of original Americana tunes at Tupelo Hall Londonderry on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m.

The uniquely named group began playing fiddle music together more than 20 years ago when Tara Nevins started writing original songs for the fiddle and banjo. Soon fellow fiddler Jeb Puryear also got bitten by the songwriting bug. The duo has now written more than 180 songs.

"We were just old friends playing old-time Appalachian fiddle music, traveling to festivals in the South," Nevins said. "Really good friends making music together."

When band members began adding electric instruments to their arsenal, Donna the Buffalo was formed.

"We knew we wanted 'buffalo' in the name and were just kicking around name ideas and someone said 'Donna,'" Nevins said. There is no one named Donna in the band.

"The buffalo is like an American icon," she added. "It's just very American, solidly American, and at the time it just made sense to us."

The band's original music is infused with country, zydeco/Cajun, rock, reggae and folk influences.

"A lot of different things have shaped our sound," Nevins said. In addition to serving as one of the group's vocalists, Nevins performs on the acoustic guitar, fiddle and accordion. "Whatever instrument I'm playing sort of colors the song," Nevins said.

It was in Louisiana that Nevins got hooked on one of the more unique instruments that she is often featured on, the scrub board.

"I went to the traditional Mardi Gras many times and discovered the Zydeco Music Festival and fell in love [with the scrub board]," she said. "I'm attracted to playing rhythm instruments."

As the band began to gain an understanding as to what they liked about performing at music festivals, they decided to start one of their own in New York, where the band was formed. The first Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival of Music and Dance was held 21 years ago at the State Theater in Ithaca, N.Y., to benefit AIDSwork, a local AIDS support organization. The festival is now held at the Trumansburg Fairgrounds in Trumansburg, N.Y., and Donna the Buffalo still performs annually at the event.

The band is now working on its first album since the release of *Silverlined* in 2008, and



Donna the Buffalo. Courtesy photo.

Nevins recently celebrated her new solo record, *Wood and Stone*. "It's an all-original personal record and it has a lot of my influences on it," Nevins said, noting that Larry Campell and Levon Helm (she recorded *Wood and Stone* at his studio) both play on the album. In 2009, Nevins toured with BK3, a band formed by former Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann. As a group, Donna the Buffalo has performed and recorded with such artists as Bela Fleck, Mamadou Diabate and The Duhks.

Nevins said the five-member band's long run of making music has nothing to do with the sound of their music but is about their passion for it.

"We love to play music," she said. "We love what we do and can't imagine doing anything else. We just keep keeping on and keep having great experiences. It's very rewarding."

When the band takes the stage at the Tupelo, Nevins said, audience members can expect non-stop dancing.

"It's very upbeat music," Nevins said. "People should expect to move, to dance, to move their feet, to just have a good time."

#### Donna The Buffalo

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m.

**Where:** Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry

**Tickets:** \$23 at [tupelohalllondonderry.com](http://tupelohalllondonderry.com) or 437-5100

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by calling 978-454-2299.

• **LEAHY FAMILY CHRISTMAS** will be performed at The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, on Sat., Dec. 3, at 8 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 and \$38 at [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org) or by calling 436-2400.

• **ED GERHARD** will perform his annual Christmas guitar concert at The Belknap Mill in Laconia on Sat., Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 (\$22 at the door) at [edgerhard.com](http://edgerhard.com), Greenlaw's Music in Laconia, the

League of NH Craftsmen in Meredith or by calling 664-7200.

• **DAN HICKS AND THE HOT LICKS** will perform their "Holiday in Hicksville" show at the Meehan Performing Arts Center, 100 Academy Way, Stratham, on Sat., Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$32 at [heptunesconcerts.com](http://heptunesconcerts.com), Ganesh Imports in Portsmouth and all Bull Moose Music locations.

• **RICO BARR AND THE JUMP N JIVE REVIEW** will perform at Rockingham Ballroom, 22 Ash Swamp Road, Newmarket, 659-4410, on Sat., Dec. 3, from 7:30

to 11 p.m. Tickets cost \$14. Visit [therockinghamballroom.com](http://therockinghamballroom.com).

• **WASSALL PARTY** will be held at the Bedford Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, on Sun., Dec. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. The Bel Airs will perform a holiday-themed Doo Wop and Oldies music show. Refreshments will be served.

• **ERIC STEPANIAN** will perform at Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Dr., Portsmouth, on Wed., Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. The show is free and open to the public.

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Puzzle in the boys room — RockandRollCrosswords.com by Todd Santos

- Across**
- 1. Deftones Cheng and Vic Chesnutt slipped into them
  - 6. Little River Band ‘Night \_\_\_’
  - 10. What actors get, for music video
  - 14. Hold a band very dear
  - 15. Lyricist, often
  - 16. What AC/DC did to ‘Your Video’
  - 17. Stephen Stills ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ You’re With’ (4,3,3)
  - 19. First Smashing Pumpkins video
  - 20. ‘Smuggler’s Blues’ Glenn
  - 21. Kinks ‘\_\_\_ \_\_\_ And All Of The Night’ (3,3)
  - 23. Slide maestro Harper
  - 24. ‘Beds Are Burning’ Midnight \_\_\_
  - 26. \_\_\_\_\_ In The Boys Room
  - 28. What rude critic did

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- 33. Joseph Arthur ‘In The \_\_\_’
- 34. Billboard \_\_\_ 40
- 35. Elton John ‘71 classic
- 37. Sonata section
- 41. Song Ozzy went to court over (7,8)
- 44. Letterman band drummer Figg
- 45. ‘In Flames’ song about a pipe?
- 46. Untrue Dream Theater song?
- 47. Wood of The Stones
- 49. Shane McGowan didn’t see many
- 51. Cherry Poppin’ \_\_\_\_\_
- 55. ‘Vincent’ McLean
- 56. ‘Mr Blue Sky’ band (abbr)
- 57. Nightwish song about a desert?
- 60. ‘There’s A Beat In All Machines’ Danish band
- 64. Rocker hair length, at times
- 66. Futureheads ‘This Is Not The World’ single (5,5)
- 68. Make guitar correct pitch
- 69. ‘Songs For The Restless’ rockers
- 70. What rock mag put out
- 71. Duritz, not ‘Jones’
- 72. Gets you piece of mind after tour
- 73. Like colossal tour price tag

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- Down**
- 1. Disciple ‘Golden \_\_\_’
  - 2. The bus’ gets stronger as tour goes on
  - 3. ‘93 Moby hit
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Experienced? (3,3)
  - 5. Floyd ‘\_\_\_ Controls For The Heart Of The Sun’
  - 6. Five octave old school crooner Jackie
  - 7. Lamb ‘Cotton \_\_\_’
  - 8. Allows use of equipment
  - 9. What wardrobe does, at times
  - 10. TV network-owned record company
  - 11. Excuse of a David Gray song?
  - 12. Fleetwood Mac ‘\_\_\_ Wonders’
  - 13. ‘Love It When I Feel Like This’ band
  - 18. What tour got when singer quit
  - 22. Heart ‘Who Will \_\_\_\_\_’ (3,3,2)
  - 25. Cheap Trick home state
  - 27. What post-prime rockers might tie
  - 28. Who ‘\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Boy’ (3,1)
  - 29. Schoolhouse Rock ‘A \_\_\_ Is A Person, Place, Or Thing’
  - 30. Lewd Sepultra song off ‘Roots’?
  - 31. Four Tops ‘Loving You Is Sweeter Than \_\_\_’
  - 32. What your tongue got in the lot
  - 36. Weezer ‘Dope \_\_\_’
  - 38. ‘Across The Tracks’ Lofgren
  - 39. Steely Dan ‘\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Again’ (2,2)
  - 40. Career makers
  - 42. Connects foot pedals to one another
  - 43. Clubby ‘Because The Night’ girl (5,1)
  - 48. ‘Draw Me \_\_\_’ Meredith Andrews
  - 50. What label will do w/money for hot band
  - 51. Blues originated in Mississippi
  - 52. Singing for all to hear
  - 53. Member of The Donnas?
  - 54. Bob of The Kingston Trio
  - 58. Gains a guitarist
  - 59. ‘Cum On Feel The Noize’ Quiet \_\_\_
  - 61. Deftness of playing
  - 62. Most of Motley Crue’s stories
  - 63. ‘Sevas Tra’ metal band
  - 65. Jewel of a song
  - 67. “Killing me softly with \_\_\_ song”

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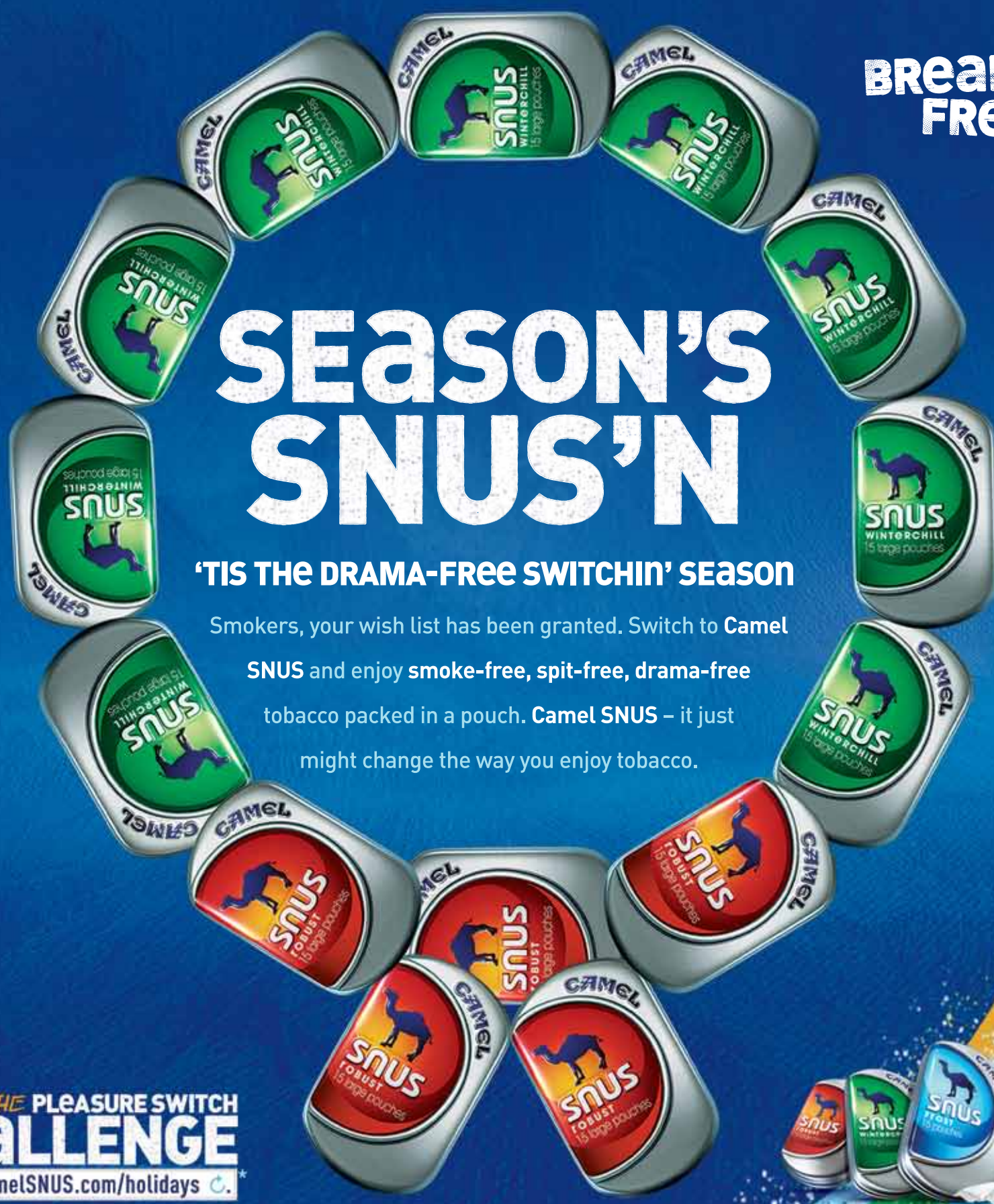
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**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Gary Lopez

**Milford**  
**J’s Tavern:** G Man from Mama Kicks

**Nashua**  
**Fody’s:** DJ Mark Allen

821-5100  
**Kingston**  
**The Kingston**  
1686 House Tavern  
127 Main St., 642-3637  
**Rick’s on Mill Pond**  
92 Route 125., 642-3353

**Laconia**  
**Anthony’s Pier Restaurant**  
263 Lakeside Ave., 366-5855  
**Baja Beach Club @ China Bistro**  
89 Lake St., 524-0008  
**Broken Spoke Saloon**  
1072 Watson Rd, 366-5511  
**Cactus Jacks**  
1182 Union Ave., 528-7800  
**The Crazy Gringo**  
306 Lakeside Ave., 366-4411  
**Fratello’s**  
799 Union Ave., 528-2022  
**Margate Resort**  
76 Lake St., 524-5210  
**Naswa Resort**  
1086 Weirs Blvd., 366-4341  
**Paradise Beach Club**  
322 Lakeside Ave., 366-2665  
**Patio Garden Restaurant**  
Lakeside Ave.  
**Pitman’s Freight Room**  
94 New Salem St., 527-0043  
**Weirs Beach Lobster Pound**  
72 Endicott St., 366-2255  
**Weirs Beach Smokehouse**  
Rt 3 Laconia, 366-2400

**Londonderry**  
**Coach Stop Restaurant and Tavern**  
176 Mammoth Rd, 437-2022  
**Mayflower Grange**  
535 Mammoth Rd, 867-3077  
**Stumble Inn Bar & Grill**  
20 Rockingham Road  
**Whippersnappers**  
44 Nashua Road, 434-2660

**Loudon**  
**Graveroobers Coffeehouse**  
Loudon Congregational Church, 7018 Church St., 783-9478  
**Manchester**  
**900 Degrees**  
50 Dow St., 641-0900  
**American Legion Wm H Jutras & Post No 43**  
56 Boutwell St., 623-9467  
**American Legion Post #79**  
35 W. Brook St.  
**American Legion**  
**Sweeney Post**  
251 Maple St., 623-9145  
**Black Brimmer**  
1087 Elm St., 669-5523  
**Bo’s Riverside**  
500 Commercial St., 625-4444  
**Boynton’s Taproom**  
155 Dow St., 623-7778  
**Breezeway Pub**  
14 Pearl St., 621-9111  
**City Sports Grille**

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** bluegrass jam w/ Dave Talmage

**Portsmouth**  
**Press Room:** jazz jam w/ Larry Garland, hoot open mike w/ Jerry Tillett

**Seabrook**  
**Honey Pot:** open mike

**Wednesday, Nov. 23**  
**Antrim**  
**Redneck’s:** open mike w/ the Boogiemen

216 Maple St., 625-9656  
**Club 313**  
93 S. Maple St., 628-6813  
**Derryfield Country Club**  
625 Mammoth Rd, 623-2880  
**Don Quijote**  
333 Valley St., 792-1110  
**Drynk**  
20 Old Granite St., 836-5251  
**Element Lounge**  
1055 Elm St., 627-2922

**Fratello’s**  
155 Dow Street, 624-2022  
**Gaucho’s Churrascaria**  
62 Lowell St., 669-9460  
**Grand Nightclub & Lounge,**  
61 Canal St., 518.5547  
**Hanover St. Chophouse**  
149 Hanover St., 644-2467  
**Ignite Bar & Grille**  
100 Hanover St., 494-6225  
**Jam Factory**  
1211 Elm St., 203-1458  
**Jillian’s Billiard Club**  
50 Philippe Cote Drive, 626-7636  
**Johnny Bad’s**  
542 Elm St., 222-9191  
**Lafayette Club**  
387 Canal St., 623-9323  
**Lazy Nick’s Coffee House**  
362 Huse Road, 232-7187  
**Luigi’s Pizza Bar & Grille**  
712 Valley St., 622-1021  
**Mad Bob’s Saloon**  
342 Lincoln St., 669-3049  
**McGarvey’s**  
1097 Elm St., 627-2721  
**Milly’s Tavern**  
500 Commercial St., 625-4444  
**Mulligan’s**  
424 Lake Ave., 623-6342  
**Murphy’s Taproom**  
494 Elm St., 644-3535  
**My Friend’s Bar and Grill**  
507 Maple St., 627-3444  
**NH Institute of Art**  
148 Concord St.  
**New England Revival Cof-fehouse**  
Calvary Fellowship Church, 60 Bailey Ave., 625-9550,  
**Olympic Lounge**  
506 Valley St., 644-5559  
**Piccola’s Upstairs Lounge**  
815 Elm St.  
**Penuche’s Grill**  
96 Hanover St., 626-9830  
**Raxx Lounge**  
1195 Elm St.  
**Rocko’s Bar & Grill**  
253 Wilson St., 626-5866  
**Sam Adams Bar & Grill**  
Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, 1 Line Drive., 641-2005  
**The Shaskeen**  
909 Elm St., 625-0246  
**Starbucks**  
1111 S. Willow St., 641-4839  
**Strange Brew Tavern**  
88 Market St., 666-4292  
**Theos**  
102 Elm St., 669-4678  
**Unwine’d**  
865 Second St., 625-9463

**Nashua**  
**The Amber Room**  
53 High St., 881-9060  
**Backstage Bar and Grill**  
56 Canal St., 598-8256  
**Boston Billiard Club**  
55 Northeastern Blvd., 595-2121  
**The Bounty**  
Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blvd., 800-230-4134  
**Club Social**  
240 Main Dunstable Road. 889-9838  
**Country Tavern**  
452 Amherst St., 889-5871  
**Fody’s Tavern**  
9 Clinton St., 577-9015  
**Haluwa Lounge**  
Nashua Mall, 883-6662  
**Killarney’s Irish Pub**  
Holiday Inn, 888-1551  
**Lafayette Club**  
34 High St, 889-9860  
**Laureano Nightclub**  
245 Main St.  
**Martha’s Exchange**  
185 Main St., 883-8781  
**Michael Timothy’s**  
212 Main St., 595-9334  
**Nashua Garden**  
121 Main St., 886-7363  
**Old Amsterdam Bar**  
8 Temple St., 204-5501  
**The Peddler’s Daughter**  
48 Main St., 880-8686  
**Penuche’s Ale House**

**Auburn**  
**Holiday’s:** DJ Captain Chris

**Belmont**  
**The Lodge:** Eric Grant Band

**Boscawen**  
**Alan’s:** open mike

**Concord**  
**Green Martini:** Kitchen  
**Hermanos:** Jared Steer  
**Makris:** Dirt Road Band  
**Pit Road Lounge:** DJ  
**Red Blazer:** Gardner Berry  
**Tandy’s:** DJ

**The Wild Rover**  
21 Kosciuszko St., 669-7722  
**Workmen’s Club**  
183 Douglas St.  
**XO on Elm**  
827 Elm St., 206-5721  
**The Yard**  
1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545  
**Z Food and Drink**  
860 Elm St.

**Meredith**  
**Camp**  
300 DW Highway, 279-3003  
**Giuseppe’s Ristorante**  
312 DW Highway, 279-3313

**Merrimack**  
**The Homestead**  
641 DW Highway, 429-2022  
**Jade Dragon**  
515 DW Highway, 424-2280  
**Milford**  
**American Legion**  
15 Cottage St., 673-9804  
**Chapanga’s**  
168 Elm St., 249-5214  
**J’s Tavern**  
63 Union Sq., 249-9222  
**The Pasta Loft**  
241 Union Sq., 672-2270  
**Madison’s Irish Pub**  
586 Nashua St.  
**Tiebreakers at Hampshire Hills**  
50 Emerson Road, 673-7123

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48 Main St., 880-8686  
**Penuche’s Ale House**

**Derry**  
**Brookstone Grille:** Eric McFadden

**Dover**  
**Barley Pub:** Marty England  
**Brick House:** bCap, The Press Project  
**Fury’s:** The Guilty Ones  
**Three Chimney’s Inn:** open mike

**Epping**  
**Holy Grail:** Scott Barnett

**Gilford**  
**Patrick’s:** Brian Grey

4 Canal St., 595-9831  
**Pine Street Eatery**  
136 Pine St., 886-3501  
**The Polish American Club**  
15 School St., 889-9819  
**Sausage King**  
53 Main St., 204-5110  
**Simple Gifts Coffee House**  
58 Lowell St.  
**603 Lounge**  
14 W. Hollis St., 821-5260  
**The Sky Lounge**  
522 Amherst St., 882-6026  
**Slade’s Food & Spirits**  
4 W. Hollis St., 886-1334  
**Stella Blu**  
70 E. Pearl St., 578-5557  
**Villa Banca**  
194 Main St., 598-0500

**New Boston**  
**Gravity Tavern**  
35 Mont Vernon Rd, 487-2011

**Newmarket**  
**Lamprey River Tavern**  
110 Main St., 659-3696  
**KJ’s Sports Bar**  
N. Main St., 659-2329  
**Stone Church**  
5 Granite St., 650-7700

**Newton**  
**Hen House Sports Bar & Grill**  
85 S. Main St., 382-1705  
**Pelham**  
**Shooters**  
116 Bridge St., 635-3577

**Peterborough**  
**Harlow’s Pub**  
3 School St., 924-6365  
**Peterborough Players Theater**  
Hadley Road

**Plaistow**  
**Corner Pocket**  
181 Plaistow Rd., 382-3130  
**Dugout Grille**  
93 Main St., 819-4947  
**The Sad Café**  
148 Plaistow Rd, 382-8893

**Portsmouth**  
**American Legion Post 6**  
96 Islington St.  
**Blue Mermaid Island Grill**  
hill at Hanover and High streets, 427-2583  
**Daniel Street Tavern**  
111 Daniel St.  
**Dolphin Striker**  
15 Bow St., 431-5222  
**Fat Belly’s**  
2 Bow St. 610-4337  
**Gas Light Co.**  
64 Market St., 431-9122  
**The Hilton Garden Inn**  
100 High St., 431-1499  
**Jitto’s Supersteak**  
3131 Lafayette Rd, 436-9755  
**The Music Hall**  
104 Congress St., 433-3100  
**Paddy’s American Grill**  
27 International Dr.,

**Goffstown**  
**Village Trestle:** Bruce Marshall Group

**Hampstead**  
**Pasta Loft:** Morning Wood  
**Route 111 Village Square:** Whitenoz

**Hampton**  
**La Bec Rouge:** DJ Kelly Elliott  
**Wally’s Pub:** DJ

**Hillsborough**  
**American Legion:** Barden Hill

430-9450  
**Players Ring Theater**  
105 Marcy St., 436-8123  
**Portsmouth Pearl**  
45 Pearl St., 431-0148,  
**Press Room**  
77 Daniel St., 431-5186  
**The Red Door**  
107 State St., 373-6827  
**Red Hook Brewery**  
35 Corporate Dr., 430-8600  
**Ri Ra Irish Pub**  
22 Market Square, 319-1680  
**Rudi’s**  
20 High St., 430-7834  
**Rusty Hammer**  
49 Pleasant St., 436-9289  
**The Wet Bar**  
172 Hanover St.

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4 Essex Drive  
**Freetown Yankee Market** 58 Route 27, 895-3418

**Salem**  
**Black Water Grill**  
43 Pelham Road, 328-9013  
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355 S. Broadway, 870-0045  
**Murray’s Tavern**  
326 S. Broadway, 894-9100  
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136 Cluff Crossing Rd, 890-1032  
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67 Main St., 898-4344

**Seabrook**  
**American Legion Post 70**  
169 Walton Road  
**Chop Shop Pub**  
920 Lafayette Rd, 474-6001  
**Honey Pot Bar & Lounge**  
920 Lafayette Rd, 760-2013  
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**Sunapee**  
**One Mile West Tavern**  
6 Brook Road, 863-7500  
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Methodist Church, Route 11

**Tilton**  
**Thirsty Crows**  
504 Laconia Road, 524-5558

**Wilton**  
**Pine Hill Auditorium**  
Pine Hill Waldorf School, 77 Pine Hill Dr.

**Windham**  
**Jonathon’s Lounge**  
Park Place Lanes, Route 28, 800-892-0568

**Hudson**  
**AJ’s:** Ian

**Kingston**  
**The Carriage Towne Bar & Grille:** Mike Belkas

**Laconia**  
**China Bistro:** DJ

**Londonderry**  
**Whippersnappers:** Minor Issues

**Manchester**  
**Black Brimmer:** Stomping Melvin



## On the scene



### Band members of the world, unite and take over

Do you have an upcoming show? Make sure that even if the venue doesn't let us know, it gets listed in the Music This Week by sending us updates of your upcoming gigs. Send locations, dates and times for your upcoming shows to [music@hippopress.com](mailto:music@hippopress.com). Send information by noon on Monday to get listed for the coming week. Or send us links to your regularly updated website or MySpace page.

### ... or you, with a club...

Does your bar/restaurant/coffeeshop frequently host musical performances? Send the information to [music@hippopress.com](mailto:music@hippopress.com) along with your address and phone number so we can get you into the Music This Week. And if you regularly update your website or

MySpace page, you can send us those links as well. Get the information in by noon on Monday to make the coming Thursday's paper.

### ... and if you are a music fan...

If you're out on the scene and see a show at a location not regularly listed in the Music This Week, let us know at [music@hippopress.com](mailto:music@hippopress.com). Our goal is to give you the most complete live music listings in the region each and every week.

**Breezeway Pub:** DJ  
**City Sports:** Head Shop  
**The Derryfield:** Josh Logan Band  
**Drynck:** DJ  
**Fratello's:** Chris Lester  
**Jokers:** Maven Sergeant  
**Mad Bob's:** The Bars  
**Murphy's:** Nimbus 9  
**Penuche's:** open mike w/ Friday After Five  
**Raxx:** DJ Mike  
**Shaskeen:** Aldous Collins Band  
**Strange Brew:** The Mighty Bad Habits  
**Unwine'd:** Craig Fahey

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Justin Jaymes

**Merrimack**  
**The Homestead:** Kim Riley

**Milford**  
**Clark's:** The Malcolm Experience  
**J's Tavern:** Lisa Guyer  
**Pasta Loft:** Small Town Stranded

**Nashua**  
**603 Lounge:** open mike w/ Kevin Horan  
**Backstage Bar:** Bright Orange Blast  
**Boston Billiard Club:** DJ Fody's: Poppy  
**Junkyard:** Josh Porter, DJ Josh Spitaleri and DJ Jonny C  
**Off the Wall Lounge:** open mike  
**Old Amsterdam:** Matt Jackson  
**Peddler's Daughter:** Revels Glen  
**Sausage King:** open mike w/ John Borlaug  
**Studio 99:** blues jam w/ Garrett Partridge

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** B.A. Canning Band

**Peterborough**  
**Harlow's Pub:** open mike

## In the spotlight



### Dark Star Orchestra

Get your tickets to see Dark Star Orchestra at the Capitol Center for the Arts Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St., Concord, on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. The

Grateful Dead tribute band has performed onstage with five of the original Grateful Dead members. DSO recreates set lists put together by the original band, according to a press release. Tickets cost \$32 (\$35 on the day of the show). To purchase tickets, go to [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com) or call 225-1111.

## In the spotlight



### Get soulful with Jesse Dee

Singer-songwriter Jesse Dee, who counts Al Green, Solomon Burke, Otis Redding, Amos Lee, John Legend and Etta James among his influences, will perform at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry, on

Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. Dee released his first album, *Bittersweet Batch*, in 2008 and plans to release his next album in early 2012. Also performing will be Boston-based duo Dwight & Nicole, who will bring a mix of 1960s soul, 1940s jazz, delta blues and rock & roll to the Tupelo stage. Tickets cost \$18 at [tupelohalllondonderry.com](http://tupelohalllondonderry.com) or by calling 437-5100.

**Portsmouth**  
**Blue Mermaid:** open mike w/ Tom Brown and Duke Mandell  
**Dolphin Striker:** Acoustic Truffle  
**Gaslight:** Superfrog, DJ Koko P  
**Pages:** DJ Static Selecta  
**Press Room:** The Sons of Ralph and Randolph  
**Red Door:** Red on Red w/ Evaredy  
**Rudi's:** Dimitri

**Rochester**  
**Gary's:** open mike

**Salem**  
**Black Water Grill:** DJ Jocelyn's: DJ  
**Sayde's:** George Williams Band

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** Rosie  
**Thursday, Nov. 24**  
**Londonderry**  
**Whippersnappers:** Joe McDonald

**Manchester**  
**Wild Rover:** blues jam w/ Wan-Tu Blues Band  
**Shaskeen:** Jon Ross

**Portsmouth**  
**Red Door:** Local Heroes

**Friday, Nov. 25**  
**Belmont**  
**The Lodge:** Funnel

**Boscawen**  
**Alan's:** Doug Mitchell

**Concord**  
**Green Martini:** Black Light Ruckus  
**Makris:** Kan-Tu Blues  
**Tandy's:** DJ

**Dover**  
**Barley Pub:** Jim Dozet  
**Brick House:** DJ Erich Kruger  
**Kelley's Row:** Tim Therault Trio  
**RJ's:** DJ Big Pez

**Epping**  
**Holy Grail:** Chris O'Neill

**Exeter**  
**Shooter's:** DJ BiggZ

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's:** Steve Sibulkin

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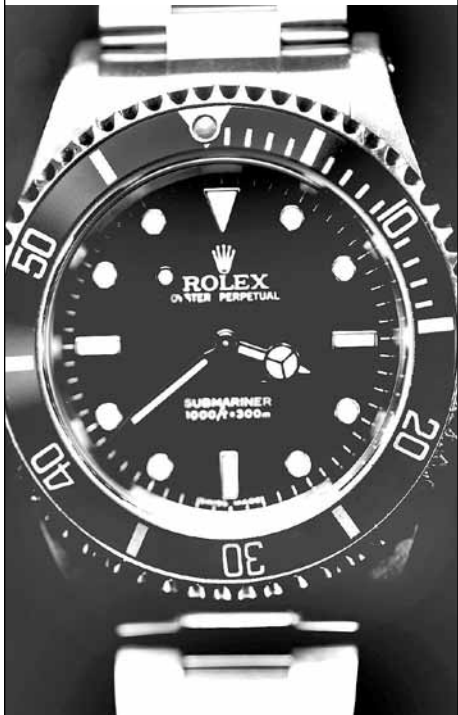


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**In the spotlight**



**Dueling Pianos**

Looking to get out and make  
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with the family? Head to the  
Dueling Pianos show at Boyn-  
ton's Taproom (155 Dow St. in  
Manchester, 623-7778, [www.boyntonstaproom.com](http://www.boyntonstaproom.com)) on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 8 p.m. "The  
first thing to know about Dueling Pianos: don't buy a ticket if  
all you plan to do sit and watch. Although the guys tickling  
the keys are great players, audience participation is the ingredi-  
ent that makes it such a hit with the Boynton's Taproom crowd.  
It's equal parts performance and house party — one that's been  
taken over by a gaggle of highly extroverted musicians," wrote  
Michael Witthaus in a story about the show last year. If you miss  
it this weekend, catch Dueling Pianos on one of the first three  
Saturdays in December (Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17) at 8 p.m.  
Tickets cost \$10 and \$17. See the website for details.

**Salem**

**Black Water Grill:** Rob  
Breton  
**Jocelyn's:** DJ

**Seabrook**

**Chop Shop:** Hypercane  
**Honey Pot:** DJ

**Saturday, Nov. 26**  
**Auburn**

**Holiday's:** So It Goes

**Belmont**

**The Lodge:** Tom Dixon  
Band

**Boscawen**

**Alan's:** Natalie Turgeon  
Band

**Concord**

**Green Martini:** Matt  
Poirier  
**Hermanos:** Ben Lev-  
ergood  
**Tandy's:** DJ

**Dover**

**Barley Pub:** Superska  
**Brick House:** Charlotte  
Locke, Raising Scarlet  
**Kelley's Row:** Gazpacho  
RJ's: DJ

**Epping**

**Holy Grail:** Scott Barnett

**Epsom**

**Circle 9 Ranch:** Fair  
Game Band

**Gilford**

**Patrick's:** Chuck  
Kelsey

**Hampstead**

**Pasta Loft:** Holiday Joe

**Londonderry**

**Coach Stop:** Doug  
Mitchell  
**Whippersnappers:** Ript

**Manchester**

**Black Brimmer:** Never  
In Vegas  
**Club 313:** DJ Bob  
**The Derryfield:** Vital  
Sign  
**Fratello's:** Marc Apos-  
tolides  
**Murphy's:** Business  
Time  
**Raxx:** DJ Mike  
**Rocko's:** Break Thru

**Music**

**Shaskeen:** Irish sessions  
w/ Roger Burridge,  
Northstar Sessions  
**Strange Brew:** Paws Up  
**Wild Rover:** Nate Comp  
**The Yard:** Dan Morgan

**Meredith**

**Giuseppe's:** No Limitz

**Merrimack**

**The Homestead:** Lach-  
lan Maclearn

**Milford**

**Clark's:** Josh Logan  
**Pasta Loft:** Loose Grip

**Nashua**

**Amber Room:** DJ  
**Backstage Bar & Grill:**  
DJ  
**Haluwa:** Phoenix  
**Martha's Exchange:**  
DJ  
**Peddlers:** EBS  
**Studio 99:** Tristan  
Omand

**Newmarket**

**Stone Church:** Zeb  
Cruikshank

**Plaistow**

**Sad Cafe:** Aftermath

**Peterborough**

**Harlow's:** MV & EE w/  
The Golden Road

**Portsmouth**

**Blue Mermaid:** Firetower  
**Gaslight:** DJ JW  
**The Page:** DJ  
**Press Room:** jazz lunch  
w/ Larry Garland, Truffle  
**Red Door:** Ryan Ober-  
miller  
**Rudi's:** Mike Effenberg

**Salem**

**Jocelyn's:** DJ

**Sunday, Nov. 27**  
**Concord**

**Hermanos:** John Fran-  
zosa  
**Penuche's:** open mike  
w/ Steve Naylor

**Dover**

**Barley Pub:** Jazzputin  
**Brick House:** DJ Erich  
Kruger  
**RJ's:** DJ

**Goffstown**

**Village Trestle:** blues jam

**Londonderry**

**Whippersnappers:**  
Gardner Berry

**Manchester**

**900 Degrees:** blues  
open mike night w/ Tom  
Ballerini  
**Penuche's:** blues jam  
w/ The Deep Pockets  
**Shaskeen:** sing-along  
w/ the Spain Brothers  
**Strange Brew:** Acous-  
tic Duo

**Meredith**

**Giuseppe's:** open mike  
w/ Lou Porrazzo

**Milford**

**Clark's:** DJ

**Nashua**

**Fody's:** open mike w/  
Chad Verbeck

**Newmarket**

**Stone Church:** open  
mike w/ Dave Ogden

**Portsmouth**

**Blue Mermaid:** open  
mike  
**Press Room:** jazz grill  
w/ Grace Kelly Quinetet  
**Red Door:** Green Lion  
Crew  
**Rudi's:** jazz brunch w/  
Nate Therrien Trio

**Stratham**

**Acoustic Outfitters:**  
acoustic open mike w/  
Ellen Carlson

**Monday, Nov. 28**  
**Candia**

**Henderson's:** electric  
rock open mike

**Concord**

**Barley Pub:** Scott  
Solsky  
**Hermanos:** John Franzosa  
**Red Blazer:** open mike  
w/Matt Langley

**Dover**

**Castaway's Boathouse:**  
Denis Patrick's Merry  
Pranksters' open mike  
**Orchard Street Chop  
Shop:** open mike w/



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Dave Ogden

### Hampton

**La Bec Rouge:** open mike w/ Elijah Clark  
**Wally's Pub:** DJ

### Londonderry

**Whippersnappers:** open mike

### Manchester

**Fratello's:** Bill Connors  
**Milly's:** Dom and Reid of Manchuka

### Meredith

**Camp:** acoustic open mike w/ Linden Mazurka  
**Giuseppe's:** Lou Porrazzo

### Merrimack

**The Homestead:** Charlie Chronopolous

### Milford

**J's Tavern:** acoustic open mike

### Portsmouth

**Press Room:** Russ Grazier Combo

### Tuesday, Nov. 29

#### Concord

**Barley House:** Irish sessions  
**Hermanos:** Mike Walsh  
**Tandy's:** open mike w/ Calvin McFarlin

#### Dover

**Brick House:** acoustic open mike w/ Anthony Vito Fiandaca  
**RJ's:** DJ

#### Hampstead

**Pasta Loft:** acoustic open mike w/ Mike Belkas

#### Hampton

**Wally's Pub:** Baked Naked, Liquid Courage

#### Londonderry

**Whippersnappers:** video DJ

#### Manchester

**Black Brimmer:** DJ Chad  
**Fratello's:** Gardner Berry  
**Murphy's:** open mike w/ Josh Logan, Nate Comp and Paul Costley  
**Raxx:** DJ Mike  
**Strange Brew:** Strange Brew All Stars

#### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Michael Bourgeois

## In the spotlight



### Johnny Pizzi brings in the laughs

Las Vegas comedian Johnny Pizzi will bring his act to Headliners Comedy Club at the Radisson hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 p.m. (doors will open at 8 p.m.). Pizzi, who has been doing standup in New England for more than two decades, is a regular performer at the Tropicana Las Vegas Hotel & Casino and has performed for members of the United States military in Iraq. Tickets cost \$15 at headlinerscomedyclub.com and 20 at the door.

## In the spotlight



### Comedy in Concord

Get a babysitter (adult content ahead) and catch Mike Koutrobis, Ira Proctor, Kyle Crawford (pictured) and Steve Guilmette at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St. in Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com, as part of "Headliners Comedy Club" on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$19.50 and \$24.50.

#### Merrimack

**Homestead:** Gary Lopez

#### Milford

**J's Tavern:** G Man from Mama Kicks

#### Nashua

**Fody's:** DJ Mark Allen

#### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** bluegrass jam w/ Dave Talmage

#### Portsmouth

**Press Room:** jazz jam w/ Larry Garland, hoot open mike w/ Rick Watson

#### Seabrook

**Honey Pot:** open mike

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

**Antrim**  
**Redneck's:** open mike w/ the Boogiemen

#### Auburn

**Holiday's:** DJ Captain Chris

#### Boscawen

**Alan's:** open mike

#### Concord

**Hermanos:** Bob Arpin Duo  
**Tandy's:** DJ

#### Dover

**Barley Pub:** The Frosting w/ Nate Laban  
**Fury's:** open mike w/ Paul Chase  
**Three Chimney's Inn:** open mike

#### Gilford

**Patrick's:** Matt Tellier

#### Hampton

**La Bec Rouge:** DJ Kelly Elliott  
**Wally's Pub:** DJ

#### Kingston

**The Carriage Towne Bar & Grille:** Mike Belkas

#### Manchester

**Black Brimmer:** Rebel Express  
**Fratello's:** Kim Riley  
**Penuche's:** open mike w/ Friday After Five  
**Strange Brew:** Lex and Joe

#### Meredith

**Giuseppe's:** Tim Theriault

#### Merrimack

**The Homestead:** Gardner Berry

#### Milford

**J's Tavern:** Lisa from Mama Kicks

**Pasta Loft:** open mike

#### Nashua

**603 Lounge:** open mike w/ Kevin Horan  
**Off the Wall Lounge:** open mike  
**Peddlers Daughter:** Revels Glen  
**Sausage King:** open mike w/ John Borlaug  
**Studio 99:** blues jam

#### Newmarket

**Stone Church:** B.A. Canning Band

#### Peterborough

**Harlow's Pub:** open mike

#### Portsmouth

**Blue Mermaid:** open mike w/ Tom Brown and Duke Mandell  
**Gaslight:** DJ Koko P  
**Press Room:** Tom Kennedy  
**Red Door:** Red on Red w/ Evareddy  
**Rudi's:** Dimitri

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## COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### Wed., Nov. 23

**Manchester**  
**Shaskeen:** open mike

#### Nashua

**Penuche's:** live standup

### Sunday, Nov. 27

**Londonderry**  
**Tupelo:** Churchagogue Comedy Night feat. John Gondelman and Steve Bjork

### Monday, Nov. 28

**Concord**  
**Penuche's:** live standup

### Tuesday, Nov. 29

**Manchester**  
**Murphy's:** live standup

### Wed., Nov. 30

**Manchester**  
**Shaskeen:** open mike

#### Nashua

**Penuche's:** live standup

### Saturday, Dec. 3

**Manchester**  
**Headliners:** Johnny Pizzi

### Monday, Dec. 5

**Concord**  
**Penuche's:** live standup

### Tuesday, Dec. 6

**Manchester**  
**Murphy's:** live standup

### Wednesday, Dec. 7

**Manchester**  
**Shaskeen:** open mike

#### Nashua

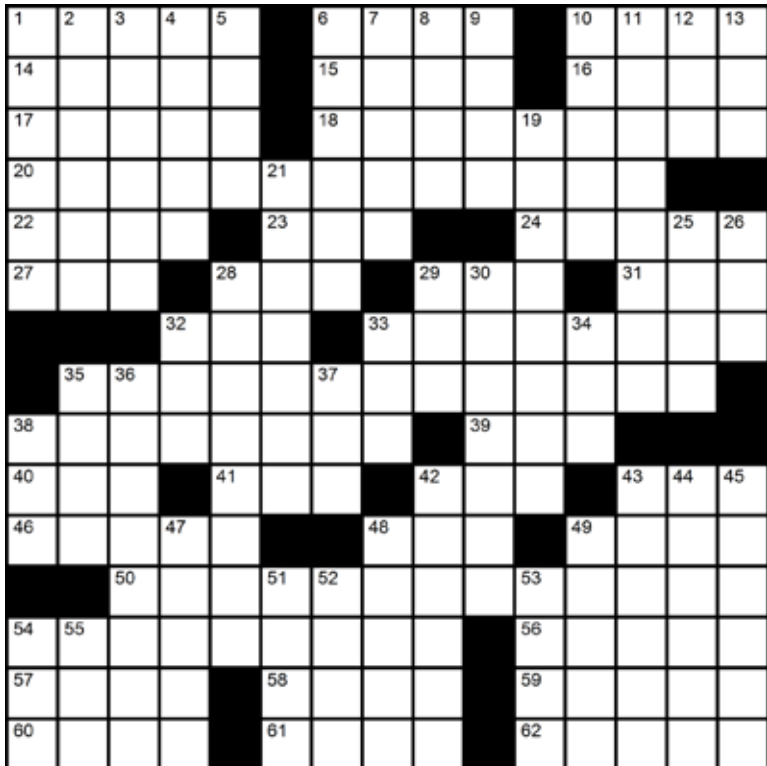
**Penuche's:** live standup



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Across

- 1 Cop's ID  
6 Like a fairy tale piper  
10 Jason's ship  
14 "Like \_\_\_\_" (Grateful Dead song)  
15 Capital on a fjord  
16 Give praise to  
17 It gets seated at the dentist  
18 3/4, colloquially  
20 She untied the knot from Kris Humphries  
after 72 days  
22 Days before holidays  
23 "Oh no! A rat!"  
24 Type of shark or shrimp  
27 Wine list adjective  
28 Subject for EMT training  
29 "Blah blah blah"  
31 "Hold on Tight" group  
32 Chinese-born actress \_\_\_\_ Ling  
33 Frame you pass through



- 35 Singer who at age 22 got married in Vegas, then filed an annulment 55 hours later  
38 "Don't move until I get back"  
39 Utter  
40 Do the math  
41 Org. on toothpaste boxes  
42 Jerry's chaser

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"There Goes the Bride" — it was never meant to last. By Matt Jones

- 43 Police radio report  
46 "Drag Me to Hell" director Sam  
48 Life force  
49 "The Lion King" bad guy  
50 She was married to Dennis Rodman for nine days in 1998  
54 Goes overboard with the emotion  
56 Parks and Acosta  
57 Packet at a drive-thru  
58 Airport terminal area  
59 Tablets that can't be swallowed  
60 "South Park" co-creator Parker  
61 "Leave in," to a proofreader  
62 Merry Pranksters member Ken  
21 Was worried  
25 Shade trees  
26 Old school hip-hop singer \_\_\_\_ Base  
28 They may be swept off pet owners' couches  
29 Canon camera  
30 Cultivated dirt  
32 Took a chunk out of  
33 Manic Panic product  
34 Conan rival  
35 \_\_\_\_ Bing! ("The Sopranos" club)  
36 Make the butt of jokes  
37 "Golden" time  
38 It's good for absolutely nothing [hunh]  
42 1995 Sandra Bullock techno-thriller  
43 Fulfills the role of  
44 Pride event  
45 Loud  
47 \_\_\_\_ McFly of "Back to the Future"  
48 Old slang for a 100-dollar bill  
49 Listerine rival  
51 Russian fighter jets  
52 State, to the French  
53 Actor Estrada  
54 West Coast clock setting: abbr.  
55 Dinghy need

Down

- 1 Source of support  
2 Get somewhere  
3 Like the three marriages described in the theme answers  
4 Stares for a long time  
5 Krabappel of "The Simpsons"  
6 Skier's layer  
7 "Wicked Game" singer Chris  
8 Letter-shaped building wings  
9 "The lady \_\_\_\_ protest too much, methinks"  
10 Asian mountain range  
11 Stuff worn in a storm  
12 Underside-of-the-desk gunk  
13 Poem variety  
19 Spot-removing agent

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**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** When I find a well-drawn character in fiction or biography I generally take a warm personal interest in him, for the reason that I have known him before — met him on the river. You can enliven a reading assignment by relating it to people and places you know.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan 19)** Brown was always watching for a pretext to find fault; and if he could find no plausible pretext, he would invent one. Don't waste your time worrying about someone who's going to complain no matter what.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** I had to seek another livelihood. So I became a silver-miner in Nevada; next, a newspaper reporter; next, a gold-miner in California; next, a reporter in San Francisco; next, a special correspondent in Europe and the East; next, an instructional torch-bearer on the lecture platform; and, finally I became a scribbler of books, and an immovable fixture among the other rocks of New England. A series of opportunities will open up to you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** After twenty-one years' absence I felt a very strong desire to see the river again, and the steamboats, and such of the

boys as might be left; so I resolved to go out there. You can revisit old times but with a better perspective now.

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** There was another change — the Forest Park. This was new to me. It is beautiful and very extensive, and has the excellent merit of having been made mainly by nature. Enjoy something made mainly by nature. It will clear your mind.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** The first time I ever saw St. Louis I could have bought it for six million dollars, and it was the mistake of my life that I did not do it. Fret not over lost opportunities. Focus on making smart decisions from now on.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** The moment that the boat was under way in the river, she was under the sole and unquestioned control of the pilot. Even pilots can use some assistance.

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** By long habit, pilots came to put all their wishes in the form of commands. It 'gravels' me, to this day, to put my will in the weak shape of a request, instead of launching it in the crisp language of an order. Give orders where appropriate, but don't give orders where you're not the acknowledged commander. And don't pull rank unless necessary.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug 22)** ...I loved the profession far better than any I have followed since, and I took a measureless pride in it. The reason is plain:

a pilot, in those days, was the only unfettered and entirely independent human being that lived in the earth. You could stand do something unfettered and independent. Set aside some serious me time.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** Now when I had mastered the language of this water, and had come to know every tri-

fling feature that bordered the great river as familiarly as I knew the letters of the alphabet, I had made a valuable acquisition. But I had lost something, too. ... All the grace, the beauty, the poetry, had gone out of the majestic river! Be careful not to get buried in technicalities.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** I never could more than get one knotty thing

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learned before another presented itself. Don't try to take in too much at once. **Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** Now I had often seen pilots gazing at the water and pretending to read it as if it were a book, but it was a book that told me nothing. Don't pretend to see something if you can't. Admit to your failings and rely on your strengths.

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By Dave Green

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	1						4	
4	3						2	1
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

### BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

#### Science News

At press time, Melinda Arnold, 34, was waiting to hear whether her mother would be accepted as an organ donor for her daughter — with the organ being the mom's womb. Melinda (a nurse from Melbourne, Australia) was born without one (though with healthy ovaries and eggs), and if the transplant by Swedish surgeon Mats Brannstrom of Gothenburg University is successful, and Melinda later conceives, her baby will be nurtured in the very same uterus in which Melinda, herself, was nurtured. (Womb transplants have been performed in rats and, with limited success, from a deceased human donor.)

#### Government in Action

- A British manufacturer, BCB International, is flourishing, buoyed by sales of its Kevlar underwear, at \$65 a pair, to U.S. military personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq. However, soldiers and Marines must buy them directly; the "Bomb Boxers" are not supplied by the Pentagon even though nearly 10 percent of battlefield explosive-device injuries result in sometimes-catastrophic genital and rectal damage. According to an October report in Talking Points Memo, the Pentagon's currently issued protection is inferior to BCB's but is less expensive. (Although the Pentagon fully funds post-injury prostheses and colostomies, it could purchase about 7,700 Bomb Boxers for the price of a single Tomahawk missile.)

- In what a cement company executive said is "one of those bureaucratic things that doesn't make any sense," the city of Detroit recently built wheelchair ramps at 13 intersections along Grandy Street, despite knowing that those ramps are either not connected to sidewalks or connected to seldom-used, badly crumbling sidewalks. The ramps were required by a 2006 lawsuit settlement in which Detroit pledged to build ramps on any street that gets re-paved, as Grandy was. (No one in city government thought, apparently, to attempt a trade of these 13 intersections for paving 13 more-widely used ones in the city.)

- A Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV investigation revealed in September and October the astonishing result that Illinois laws passed in 1997 and 2007 at the behest of organized labor have given at least three former union leaders lifetime government pensions as if they had been city or state employees, totaling an estimated drain on public budgets of about \$7 million. Two teachers' union officials were allowed to teach exactly one day to qualify, and an engineers' union official was hired for exactly one day, with the remainder of the service of the three having been on the payroll of the respective unions. A September Tribune report estimated that perhaps 20 other union officials might have been eligible under similar provisions.

#### Great Art!

- It was haute couture meeting haute cuisine at the Communication Museum in Berlin in November, as prominent German chef Roland Trettl introduced his fashions (displayed on live models) made from food, including a tunic of octopus, a miniskirt of seaweed, a trouser suit made with lean bacon, a scarf of squid ink pasta, and a hat woven from lettuce. The museum director (presumably without irony) said the items were "provocative" and "raise(d) questions."

- Veteran New York City performance artist

Marni Kotak, 36, gave birth to her first child, Ajax, on Oct. 25 — and that was her "art," as the birth took place at the Microscope Gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y., after Kotak had moved into the space two weeks earlier to interact with visitors. Previously, Kotak had "re-enacted," as her "art," both her own birth and the loss of her virginity in the back seat of a car. (A New York Times report suggested that Kotak may not be the most extreme performer in her family. Her artist-husband, Jason Martin, makes videos in which he dresses as a wolf or dog and "conducts seance-like rituals intended to contact the half-animal, half-human creatures that visited him in dreams as a child.")

#### Police Report

- Cutting-Edge Policing: Officials in Prince George's County, Md., reported that crime had fallen as much as 23 percent during the first nine months of 2011 — the result, they said, of holding meetings with 67 of the most likely recidivist offenders in five neighborhoods and sweet-talking them. The 67 were offered help in applying for various government and volunteer programs, but were told they would be watched more closely by patrols.

- Milestone: Joseph Wilson, 50, was chased by police and arrested in Port St. Lucie, Fla., in October and charged with shoplifting from a Beall's department store. It was his 100th arrest — although prosecutors are batting only .353 against him (35-for-99). (Wilson's getaway was delayed when he jumped into the passenger seat of an idling SUV and ordered the driver to "Take off!" but the driver did not.)

— Points for Style: (1) Police in Corpus Christi, Texas, looked to the public for help in October to find the man who, according to surveillance video of a city agency building, stole three surveillance cameras (not the recording units, just the cameras) by lassoing them from their perches near the ceiling. (2) Theresa Mejia, held in the Burlington, Wash., police station on kidnapping charges, climbed through a ceiling vent in a dramatic escape attempt, tra-

versing the entire length of the building before officers knew where she was. (However, that put her directly over the police chief's office, and she crashed through to the floor.)

#### The Aristocrats!

(1) Owen Kato, 23, was arrested following a police report in Port Charlotte, Fla., of a man grossing out customers by standing beside the entrance to a McDonald's for about 10 minutes, popping his pimples with his fingers. (2) A man unnamed in a news story was charged on July 24 with resisting arrest (for trespassing) by failing to put his hands behind his back. According to the Destin, Fla., police report, the man explained, "I can't put my hands behind my back because I'm making a bowel movement (in my pants)." (According to the report, that was true.)

#### Least Competent Criminals

Brent Morgan, 20, was arrested in Prince George, British Columbia, in October on three counts related to the attempted theft of a Corvette. Morgan had seen the car in a driveway, jumped in and locked the doors. However, the owner had been in the process of charging the battery, which was still too weak for the car to start and for the door locks to continue working. Feeling trapped and sensing that the owner had called the police, Morgan panicked and began using any available tool inside the car to smash the window. According to the police report, officers arrived just as Morgan had broken open the driver's side window, but too late for Morgan to realize that he could have exited the car by manually lifting the door lock with his fingers.

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## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

LET'S FACE IT--"SEXUAL HARASSMENT" IS A MYTH!  
ANYONE WHO CLAIMS OTHERWISE IS OBVIOUSLY A LYING TROLLOP!

IT'S JUST SOMETHING THE MAN-HATING FEMINISTS DREAMED UP TO MAKE THEMSELVES RICH!  
THERE'S NO Surer PATH TO FAME AND FORTUNE!

I BET ALL THESE SO-CALLED ACCUSERS ARE SECRETLY HOPING TO BE THE NEXT ANITA HILL!  
IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT SMOOTH SAILING FOR HER!

AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THESE FEMINAZIS HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR!  
WHAT IS THE WORLD COMING TO, WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN JOKE WITH A FEMALE EMPLOYEE ABOUT THE SEX YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE WITH HER?

AND THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE A COMPLIMENT!  
IF A RESPECTABLE BUSINESSMAN HAPPENS TO FIND A YOUNG JOB APPLICANT SEXUALLY AROUSING--WHAT'S THE HARM IN LETTING HER KNOW?  
YOU'D THINK SHE'D BE FLATTERED!

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT--MEN ARE THE REAL VICTIMS HERE.  
SOMETIMES I DON'T KNOW HOW WE FIND THE STRENGTH TO CARRY ON EACH DAY.

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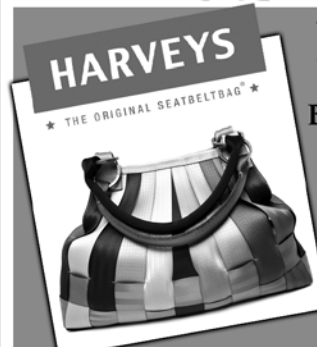
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